# **PROLOGUE**

(A young PRINCE stands in the doorway of a majestic castle. NARRATORS address the audience.)

# NARRATOR 1

Once Upon a Time in a faraway land, a young prince lived in a shining castle.

# NARRATOR 2

Although he had everything his heart desired, the Prince was spoiled, selfish and unkind.

(An OLD BEGGAR WOMAN enters.)

# NARRATOR 3

But then, one winter's night, an old beggar woman came to the castle and offered him a single rose in return for shelter from the bitter cold.

(The PRINCE and OLD BEGGAR WOMAN pantomime the following action.)

# NARRATOR 4

Repulsed by her haggard appearance, the Prince sneered at the gift and turned the old woman away.

#### NARRATOR 1

But she warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within.

#### NARRATOR 3

And when he dismissed her again, the old woman's ugliness melted away to reveal a beautiful Enchantress.

# NARRATOR 4

The Prince tried to apologize, but it was too late, for she had seen that there was no love in his heart.

# NARRATOR 2

As punishment, she transformed him into a hideous Beast and placed a powerful spell on the castle and all who lived there.

(The ENCHANTRESS exits. The PRINCE has been transformed into the BEAST.)

# NARRATOR 3

Ashamed of his monstrous form, the Beast concealed himself inside his castle with a magic mirror as his only window to the outside world.

(The Rose appears.)

# NARRATOR 1

The rose she had offered was truly an enchanted rose, which would bloom for many years.

(The BEAST covers the Rose with a glass dome for protection.)

# NARRATOR 4

If he could learn to love another and earn her love in return by the time the last petal fell, then the spell would be broken.

# NARRATOR 2

If not... he would be doomed to remain a Beast for all time.

(The BEAST gazes at the Rose... trapped, forlorn and hopeless.)

# NARRATOR 1

As the years passed, he fell into despair and lost all hope.

# **NARRATORS**

For who could ever learn to love a Beast?

(The BEAST and the NARRATORS exit.)

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# 17 LADIES WERE THE BELLE OF BROADWAY

The role of Belle, originated by Susan Egan, was played by 17 actresses, including stars of the stage, screen and music industry: Christianne Tisdale, Sarah Uriarte Berry, Kerry Butler, Deborah Gibson, Kim Huber, Toni Braxton, Andrea McArdle, Sarah Litzsinger, Ann Sanders, Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Megan McGinnis, Christy Carlson Romano, Brooke Tansley, Ashley Brown, Deborah Lew and Anneliese van der Pol all played the role during Beauty and the Beast's 13-year run on Broadway.

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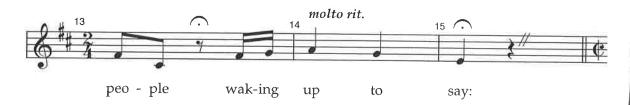
# **SCENE ONE: The Village**

(A charming, provincial French village. Sunrise. BELLE enters.)

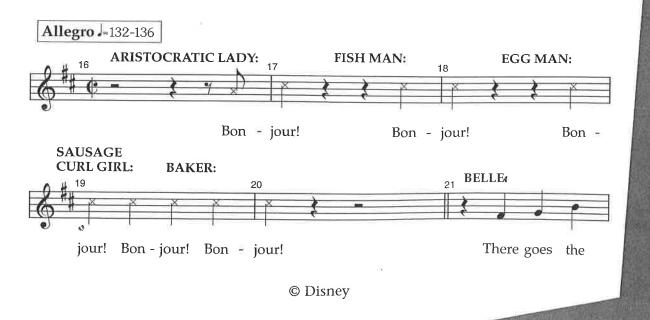
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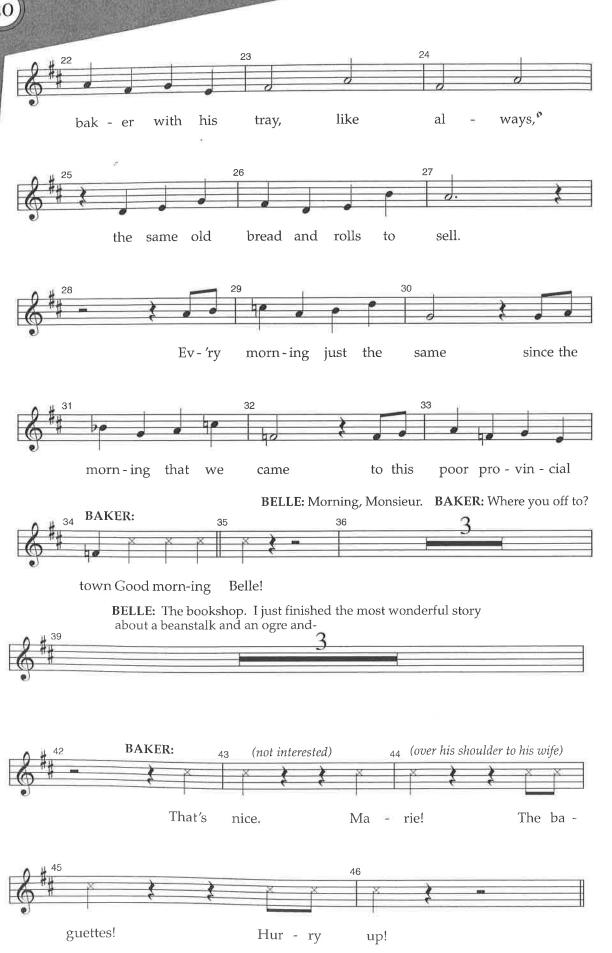




(VILLAGERS enter and begin to bustle about their daily business.)









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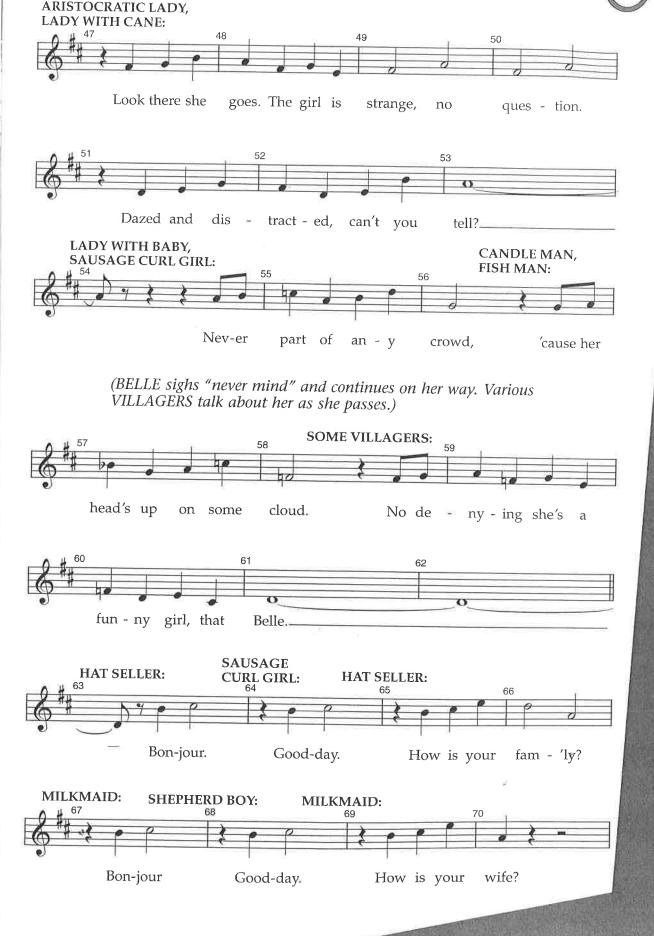
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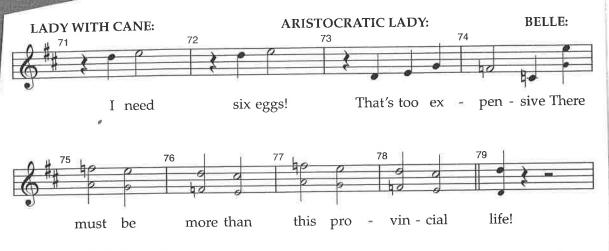




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(BELLE walks to the Book Shop.)

# **BOOKSELLER**

Ah, Belle!

# **BELLE**

Good morning. I've come to return the book I borrowed.

# **BOOKSELLER**

Finished already?

#### BELLE

Oh, I couldn't put it down. Have you got anything new?

# **BOOKSELLER**

(chuckles)

Not since yesterday.

#### BELLE

That's all right.

(points to a book on the shelf)

I'll borrow this one!

# **BOOKSELLER**

That one? But you've read it twice!

#### **BELLE**

Well, it's my favorite. Far-off places, daring sword fights, magic spells, a prince in disguise...

# **BOOKSELLER**

If you like it all that much... it's yours.

# **BELLE**

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# **BOOKSELLER**

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# BELLE Well, thank you. Thank you very much!





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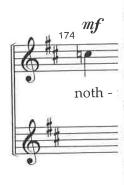














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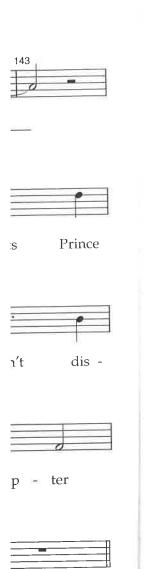
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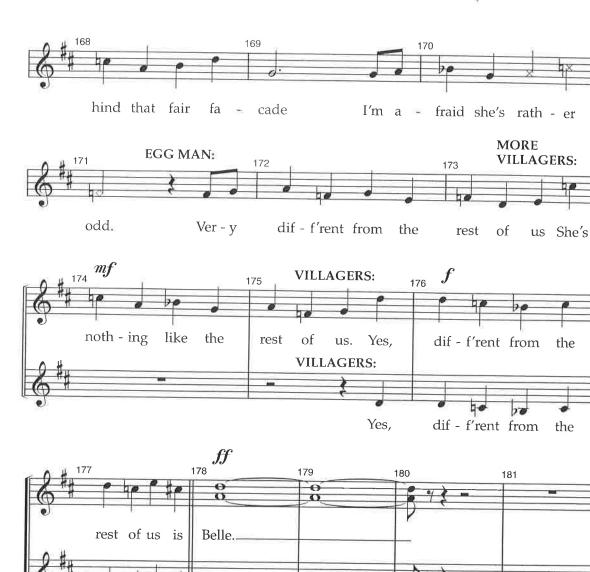




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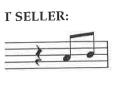




(GASTON enters carrying a rifle. He is a very handsome, rude, self-centered hunter who goes to great lengths to get what he wants. His dim-witted sidekick, LEFOU, follows carrying a sack of GASTON's game.)

#### **LEFOU**

You didn't miss a shot, Gaston. You're the greatest huntef in the whole world.



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# **GASTON**

I know.

# **LEFOU**

No beast alive stands a chance against you! And no girl for that matter.

**GASTON** 

It's true, Lefou.

(points to BELLE)

And I've got my sights set on that one.

**LEFOU** 

The inventor's daughter?

**GASTON** 

She's the lucky girl I'm going to marry.

**LEFOU** 

But, she's—

**GASTON** 

The most beautiful girl in town.

**LEFOU** 

I know, but—

**GASTON** 

And don't I deserve the best?

**LEFOU** 

Well, of course you do!









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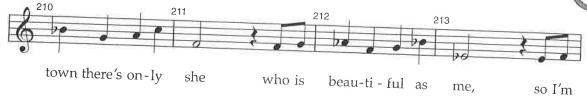
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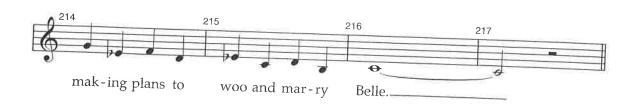
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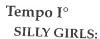


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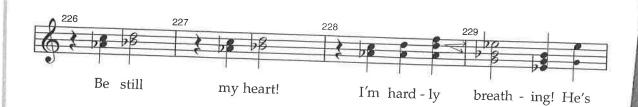
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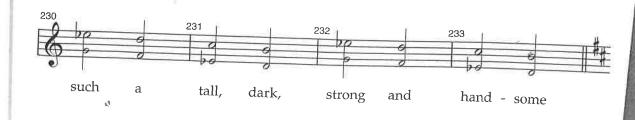


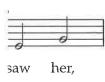






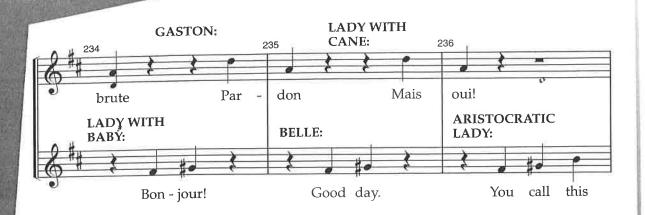


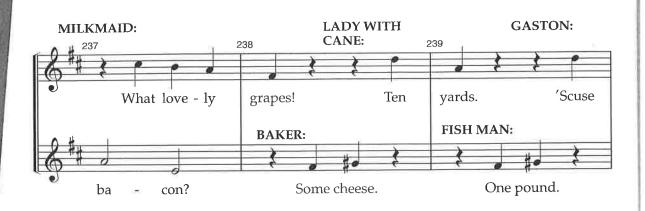


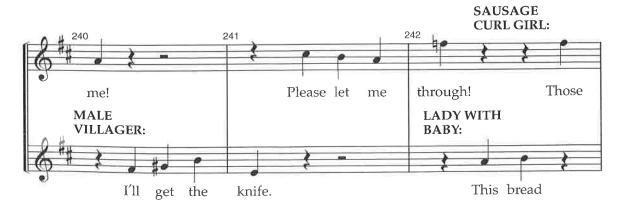


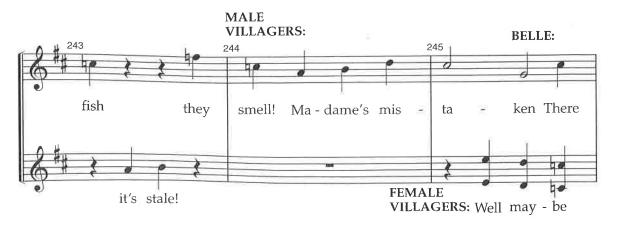


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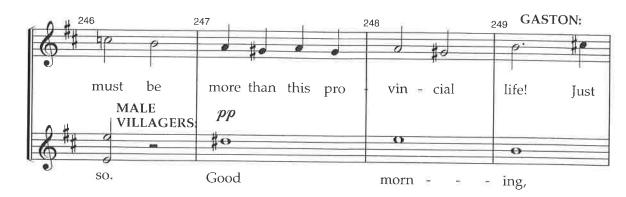


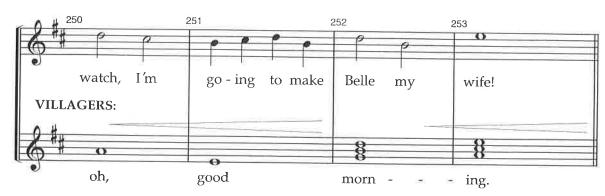


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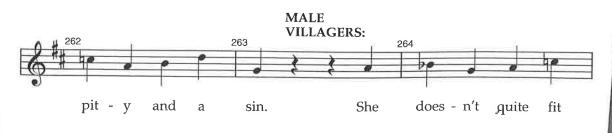




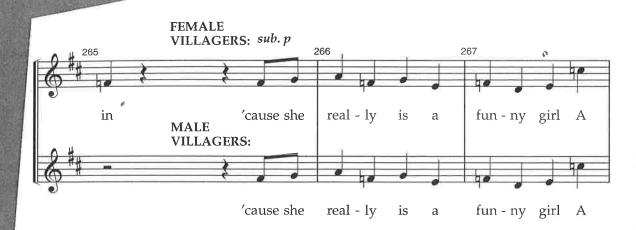
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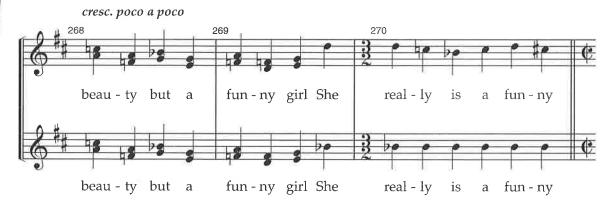


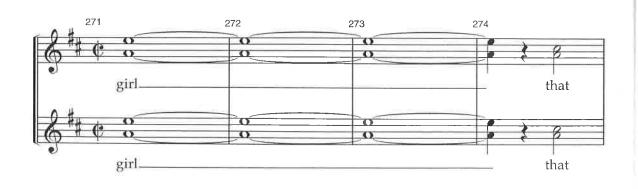
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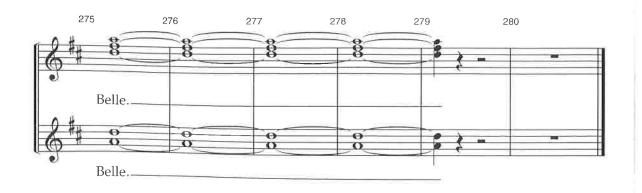


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(Feeling the VILLAGERS' eyes on her, BELLE whirls around. They go back to their activities then exit. BELLE heads for home. GASTON runs in front of her and strikes a pose.)

**GASTON** 

Hello... Belle.

**BELLE** 

Bonjour, Gaston.

(GASTON blocks BELLE's way.)

Excuse me.

(GASTON snatches Belle's book.)

Gaston. May I have my book, please?

**GASTON** 

(flipping through the book)
How can you read this? There's no pictures.

**BELLE** 

Well some people use their imagination!

**GASTON** 

Belle, it's about time you got your head out of these books and paid attention to more important things.

(GASTON strikes a handsome pose.)

**LEFOU** 

Hint... hint.

**BELLE** 

Like you? Gaston, please! I have to get inside to help my father.

**LEFOU** 

That crazy old fool. He needs all the help he can get!

(GASTON and LEFOU laugh heartily.)

**BELLE** 

Don't talk about my father that way!

(GASTON thunks LEFOU on the head.)

#### **GASTON**

(to LEFOU)

Yeah! Don't talk about her father that way!

#### BELLE

My father's not crazy! He's a genius!

(BELLE's slightly addled genius father, MAURICE, brings his colorful and noisy invention onstage. As he waves merrily, part of the invention breaks. GASTON and LEFOU laugh and exit.)

#### BELLE

Papa! Papa, are you all right?

#### **MAURICE**

Oh, I'll never get this bone-headed contraption to work!

#### BELLE

Yes, you will! And you'll win first prize at the fair tomorrow.

#### **MAURICE**

Well... we'd better get cracking then! Now let me see, where did I put that dog-legged clencher?

#### BELLE

(holds out a funny-looking tool)
Papa...

# **MAURICE**

Oh... thank you, dear!

(takes the tool and starts tinkering)
So... did you have a good time in town today?

#### **BELLE**

I got a new book.

#### **MAURICE**

You do love those books.

(MAURICE ducks behind the invention.)

#### BELLE

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# **MAURICE**

My daughter! Odd?

(re-appears with silly-looking goggles)

Now where would you get an idea like that?

# **BELLE**

I don't know. It's just... I'm not sure I fit in here. There's no one I can really talk to.

#### **MAURICE**

What about Gaston? He's a handsome fellow.

## BELLE

He's handsome all right... and rude and conceited and— oh Papa, he's not for me!

# **MAURICE**

Well, don't you worry, 'cause this invention's going to be the start of a new life for us.

(MAURICE pulls a lever. The invention chugs to life.)

BELLE

It works!

**MAURICE** 

It does? It does!

**BELLE** 

Papa, you did it! You really did it!

(puts a scarf around MAURICE's neck)

Here, I made you a scarf for good luck at the fair.

# **MAURICE**

Now I know I'll win. And then, we'll get out of this town and travel to all those places you've read about in your books!

BELLE

Goodbye, Papa.

**MAURICE** 

Bye bye, Belle.

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#### BELLE

Be careful!

(MAURICE heads toward the forest. BELLE exits.)

# **SCENE TWO: The Forest**

(The NARRATORS enter.)

#### NARRATOR 1

On his way to the fair to show off his new invention, Maurice entered a dark forest.

#### **MAURICE**

Now let's see, is it this way... or this way...

(MAURICE becomes nervous. He looks around, concerned. A wolf howls.)

Oh, dear!

(Another howl.)

Wolves!

(WOLVES enter and pantomime the following action with MAURICE.)

#### NARRATOR 2

Suddenly, a pack of hungry wolves appeared and began to circle Maurice.

#### **MAURICE**

Stay back... back! Help! Someone help me! Get back! Help!

#### NARRATOR 3

Fearing for his life, Maurice raced toward a nearby castle.

#### NARRATOR 4

A wolf lunged for Maurice... and grabbed the scarf right off his neck!

(MAURICE approaches and knocks on castle door. The NARRATORS exit.)

#### **MAURICE**

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(The door opens.)

# **SCENE THREE: The Castle**

(MAURICE steps inside. It appears hollow, lifeless and empty, like a deserted cathedral.)

# **MAURICE**

Hello?

(his voice echoes in the vastness)

Hello!

(MAURICE proceeds cautiously, looking around. Two figures appear in the shadows. MONSIEUR LUMIERE, a candelabra, is a charming, very French mâitre d'. COGSWORTH, a mantle clock, is an officious English major-domo. They stand side-by-side, motionless but whispering as MAURICE wanders past.)

#### **COGSWORTH**

What? Who is that?

# **LUMIERE**

He must have lost his way in the woods.

#### **MAURICE**

(ventures further into the castle) Is anyone home?

#### COGSWORTH

If we keep quiet, maybe he'll go away.

# **MAURICE**

(hears something, moves to investigate)
I don't mean to intrude, but I'm lost and need a place to stay for the night.

#### LUMIERE

Poor fellow.

(pauses, weighs options)

Oh, Cogsworth, have a heart.

(steps out, to MAURICE)

Monsieur, you are welcome here!

# **MAURICE**

(startled, jumps back)

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#### **COGSWORTH**

And good-bye!

(COGSWORTH pushes MAURICE toward the door.)

#### **MAURICE**

Wait... wait! You're a clock! (pokes and prods Cogsworth curiously)
And you're talking!

# **COGSWORTH**

Really sir... hee-hee... stop it, I say!

# **MAURICE**

(stops poking and scratches his head)
I don't mean to be rude. It's just that I've never seen a... aaaachooo!

# LUMIERE

You're chilled to the bone, Monsieur. (leads MAURICE to a large chair)
Come... warm yourself by the fire.

# **COGSWORTH**

Not the Master's chair! I'm not seeing this. I'm not seeing this!

(BABETTE, a feather duster, enters.)

# **BABETTE**

Oooh la la... what have we here? Do my eyes deceive me or is this a man?

# **MAURICE**

(embarrassed)
Oh! Well! Hello!

#### COGSWORTH

All right! This has gone far enough!

#### MRS. POTTS

(offstage)

Coming through!

(MRS. POTTS, a kind-hearted teapot, enters, followed by her son CHIP, a teacup.)

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# MRS. POTTS

How would you like a nice spot of tea, sir? It will warm you up in no time.

**MAURICE** 

Oh, yes please!

(MRS. POTTS pours into CHIP. MAURICE gasps.)

**CHIP** 

I think I scared him, Mama.

**MAURICE** 

Hey there, little fella! What's your name?

**CHIP** 

Chip.

**BABETTE** 

Care for a blanket, Monsieur?

(BABETTE throws a blanket over MAURICE's shoulders.)

**COGSWORTH** 

We've got to get him out of here! Do you have any idea what the Master will do if he finds out we let a stranger in—

**LUMIERE** 

Calm yourself, Cogsworth. The Master will never have to know.

(Suddenly, a loud roar echoes through the castle. Everyone gasps. The BEAST enters.)

**BEAST** 

There's a stranger here!

**LUMIERE** 

Master, allow me to explain—

**BEAST** 

Who let him in?

**COGSWORTH** 

(quaking in fear)

M... Master... May I take this opportunity to say, I was against it from the start!

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**BEAST** 

You have all betrayed me!

MRS. POTTS

Oh dear!

**BEAST** 

(to MAURICE) Who are you?

**MAURICE** 

(frozen with fear in the chair) M... Maurice.

**BEAST** 

What are you doing in my castle?

**MAURICE** 

I lost my way in the woods—

**BEAST** 

You're not welcome here!

**MAURICE** 

I'm sorry. I... I'll just be on my way.

(MAURICE looks up and gets a good look at the BEAST's face. MAURICE gasps with horror.)

**BEAST** 

It's hideous, isn't it? You've come to stare at the Beast, haven't you?

**MAURICE** 

No, no! I meant no harm! I was merely looking for a place to stay!

**BEAST** 

I'll give you a place to stay.

(The BEAST grabs MAURICE and exits. The SERVANTS follow.)

SCENE FOUR: Belle's Cottage

(GASTON enters with three sobbing SILLY GIRLS.)

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SILLY GIRL 2

Why would you go and do a thing like that?

SILLY GIRL 3

I simply can't bear it!

SILLY GIRL 1

Oh Gaston, say it isn't so.

**GASTON** 

It's so.

**SILLY GIRLS** 

Waaaaaaaahhhh!

**GASTON** 

Girls... I'm just getting married. Don't tell me a little thing like that's going to change your feelings for me?

SILLY GIRL 1

Oh no!

SILLY GIRL 2

No!

SILLY GIRL 3

Never!

**GASTON** 

Good. Well... if we're going to have a wedding, I guess I'd better propose to the bride!

**SILLY GIRLS** 

Waaaaaaaahhhh!

(The SILLY GIRLS go off sobbing. GASTON turns to BELLE's cottage. BELLE enters carrying a flowerpot and sees GASTON. There's nowhere to hide!)

**BELLE** 

(plasters a fake smile on her face)
Gaston? What a... pleasant surprise.

(BELLE sets the flowerpot down.)

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**GASTON** 

Isn't it though? I'm just full of surprises.

(With BELLE's back turned, GASTON plucks the flowers from the pot and hands them to her.)

For you... Mademoiselle.

**BELLE** 

(taking the flowers)

Oh, Gaston...

(looks at the pot, sighs) ... you shouldn't have.

**GASTON** 

Don't mention it. Belle, this is the day your dreams come true!

**BELLE** 

What could you possibly know about my dreams, Gaston?

**GASTON** 

Plenty! Picture this. A rustic hunting lodge. My little wife massaging my feet while the strapping boys play on the floor with the dogs. We'll have six or seven.

**BELLE** 

Dogs?

**GASTON** 

No, boys!

**BELLE** 

Imagine that!

**GASTON** 

So Belle, what'll it be?

BELLE

I just don't deserve you.

**GASTON** 

Who does?

**BELLE** 

But thanks for asking!

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(BELLE enters the cottage. The SILLY GIRLS return.)

SILLY GIRL 1

So... how'd it go?

**GASTON** 

You know that Belle... always playing hard-to-get.

SILLY GIRLS

She turned you down?!?

**GASTON** 

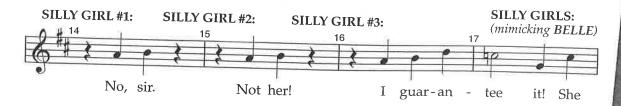
For now. But I'll have Belle for my wife. Make no mistake about that!

(GASTON exits. The SILLY GIRLS laugh at the idea.)

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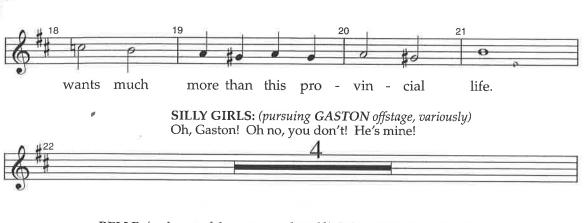




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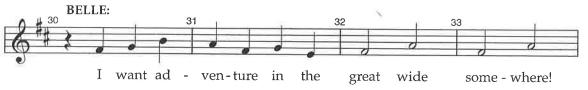
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**BELLE:** (*peeks out of the cottage, to herself:*) Is he gone? Can you imagine... he asked me to marry him! Me the wife of that boorish, brainless...

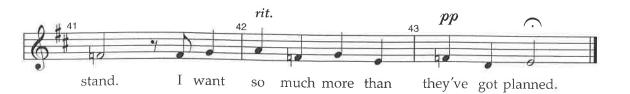


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(LEFOU hurries in looking for GASTON. He wears Maurice's scarf.)

LEFOU

Hey, Belle! Have you seen Gaston?

**BELLE** 

You just missed him. Wait a minute, where did you get that scarf?

**LEFOU** 

This? At the crossroads in the woods. Pretty nice, huh?

**BELLE** 

It belongs to my father. Something must have happened to him!

**LEFOU** 

Yeah, well, finders-keepers.

(LEFOU runs off toward town.)

BELLE

Oh, Papa!

(BELLE runs off toward the forest.)

**SCENE FIVE: The Castle** 

(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE enter.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Couldn't keep quiet... just had to invite him to stay—

**LUMIERE** 

I was trying to be hospitable!

**COGSWORTH** 

Rubbish!

**LUMIERE** 

Ah, Cogsworth... can you blame me for trying to maintain what's left of our humanity? Look at us. Look at you!

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#### COGSWORTH

What about me?
(looks at pendulum)
Oh... right.

#### **LUMIERE**

If the Master doesn't break the spell, slowly but surely we will all become... things.

# **COGSWORTH**

(pats LUMIERE on the back)
Hold on, Lumiere. We've got to hold on.

# BELLE

(offstage)

Hello? Is anyone here? Hello?

# LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

It's a girl!!!

### LUMIERE

This is the one! The girl we have been waiting for. She has come to break the spell!

(LUMIERE hurries off.)

#### **COGSWORTH**

Wait a minute... let's not be hasty!

(COGSWORTH runs after LUMIERE. BELLE enters.)

#### **BELLE**

Hello? Is anyone here? Please, I'm looking for my father.

(MAURICE is revealed in a cell behind bars. A STATUE stands guard nearby.)

**MAURICE** 

Belle? Is that you?

**BELLE** 

Papa!

(BELLE rushes to MAURICE.)

MAURICE

(coughs from the chill) How did you find me?



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#### **BELLE**

Your hands are like ice! Who has done this to you?

(The BEAST appears in the shadows.)

# **MAURICE**

Belle, you must leave this place.

#### **BELLE**

I won't leave you here! (senses the BEAST)

Who's there?

(hears the BEAST panting)

I know someone's there. Who are you?

#### **BEAST**

The master of this castle.

#### **BELLE**

Then, you're the one who's responsible for this! Release my father at once!

# **BEAST**

I do not take orders from anyone. Get out!

#### **BELLE**

No! Wait! Forgive me. Please, let him out. Can't you see he's not well?

#### **BEAST**

Then he should not have trespassed here.

#### **BELLE**

But he's an old man. He could die!

#### **BEAST**

There's nothing you can do!

#### BELLE

Wait, please... take me instead!

#### **MAURICE**

No! Belle, you don't know what you're doing.

#### **BEAST**

You would do that? You would take his place?

#### BELLE

If I did, would you let him go?

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#### **BEAST**

Yes. But you must promise to stay here... forever.

**MAURICE** 

No!

BELLE

Come into the light.

(The BEAST draws near. BELLE cringes.)

**MAURICE** 

Belle, listen to me. I'm old... I've lived my life.

BELLE

You have my word.

**BEAST** 

Done.

(pulls MAURICE from the cell; to the STATUE:) Take him to the village.

(The STATUE comes to life and grabs MAURICE.)

BELLE

Wait! No, not yet!

(The BEAST growls. The STATUE drags MAURICE away.)

**MAURICE** 

Let her go! Let her go! Belle! Belle!

**BELLE** 

Papa!

(BELLE collapses in tears. LUMIERE enters.)

I'll never see him again... and I didn't even get to say good-bye.

**LUMIERE** 

(to the BEAST, carefully)

Master... since the girl is going to be with us for quite some time... you might want to offer her a more comfortable room.

(LUMIERE exits.)

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# **BEAST**

(studies BELLE for a moment) I'll... show you to your room.

(The BEAST turns to go, but BELLE doesn't follow.)

You follow me!

(The BEAST reaches for BELLE, who recoils but then follows him through the dark, dreary castle.)

This is your home now. You're free to go anywhere you like... except the West Wing.

BELLE

Why, what's in the West—?

**BEAST** 

<u>It's forbidden!</u> You are never to set foot there... do you understand?!?

BELLE

Yes!

(The BEAST and BELLE arrive at a bedroom.)

#### **BEAST**

This is your room. If you need anything, my servants will attend you. And one more thing: you will join me for dinner.

(BELLE turns away.)

That is not a request!

(The BEAST growls and exits. As BELLE looks around, she sinks into despair.)

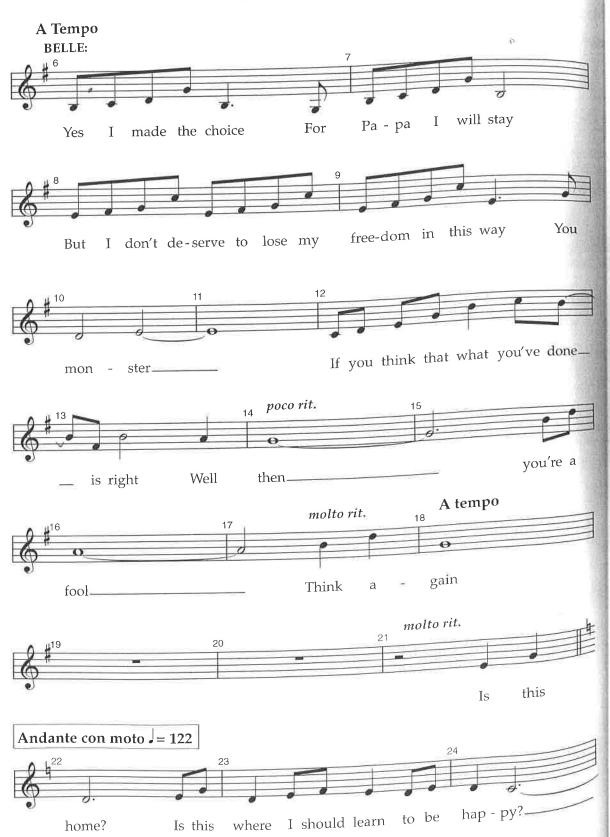
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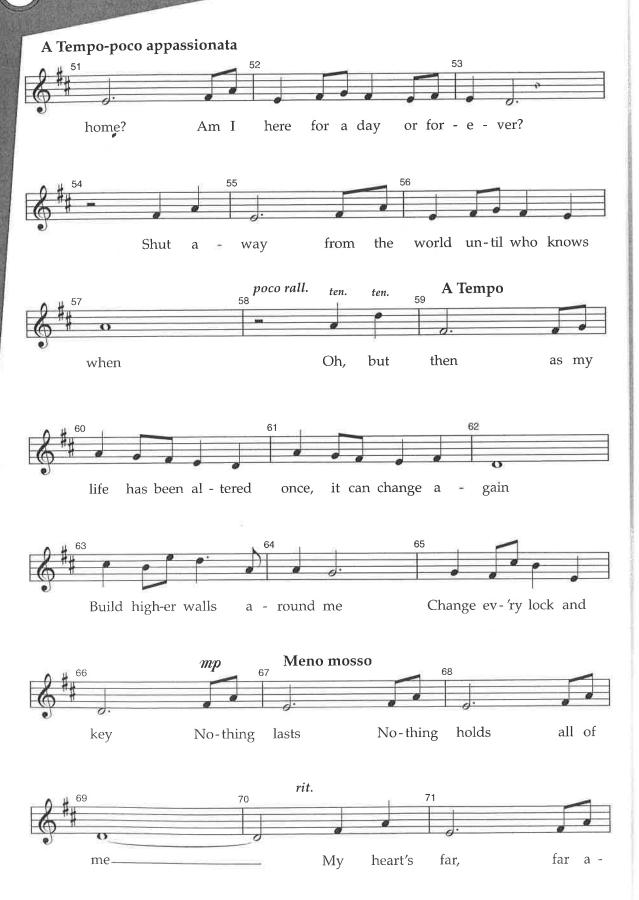
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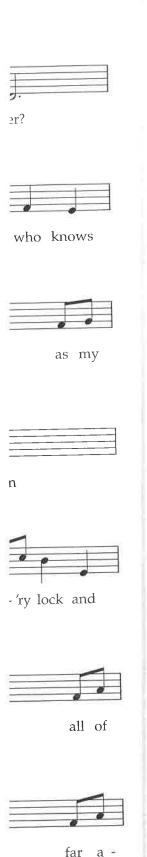
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(MRS. POTTS enters.)

# MRS. POTTS

Nothing like a nice warm cup of tea to make the world seem a bit brighter.

#### **BELLE**

(amazed at the sight)
But... you're... you're...

# MRS. POTTS

Mrs. Potts, dear. Very pleased to make your acquaintance.

(Stunned, BELLE backs up into a wardrobe.)

# MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Careful, darling!

(BELLE turns around to see MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, a larger-than-life wardrobe. BELLE gasps.)

#### BELLE

Who... who are you?

# MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Madame de la Grande Bouche.

#### BELLE

Wait. This is impossible!

# MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Well now, what shall we dress you in for dinner? Let's see what I've got in my drawers...

#### BELLE

That's very kind of you. But I'm not going to dinner.

# MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Oh, of course you are. You heard what the Master said.

#### **BELLE**

He may be your master... but he's not mine! (a beat)

I'm sorry. This is just happening so fast.

### MRS. POTTS

That was a very brave thing you did, my dear.

# MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

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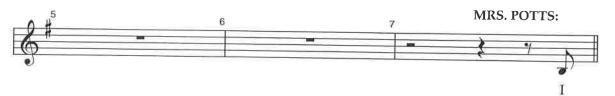
# **BELLE**

I'm going to miss my papa so much!

# MRS. POTTS

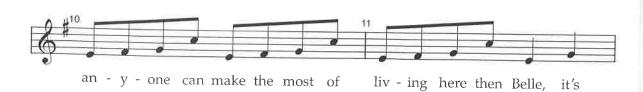
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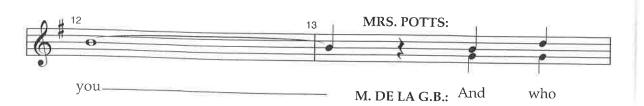
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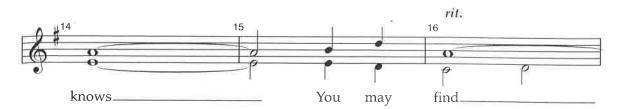
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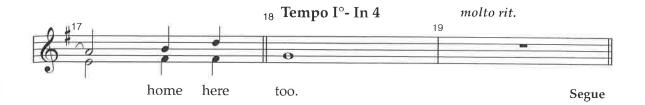
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(MRS. POTTS and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE lead BELLE off.)

#### **SCENE SIX: The Tavern**

(GASTON, sullen and morose, enters. VILLAGERS look on. LEFOU approaches.)

#### **GASTON**

Who does she think she is? That girl has tangled with the wrong man!

**LEFOU** 

Darn right!

#### **GASTON**

No one says no to Gaston! Dismissed! Rejected! Publicly humiliated! It's more than I can bear.

**LEFOU** 

Bear? Where?!?

(LEFOU ducks behind GASTON and shudders.)

**GASTON** 

Oh, Lefou... I'm disgraced.

**LEFOU** 

(emerges from behind GASTON) Who, you? Never! Gaston, you've got to pull yourself together.

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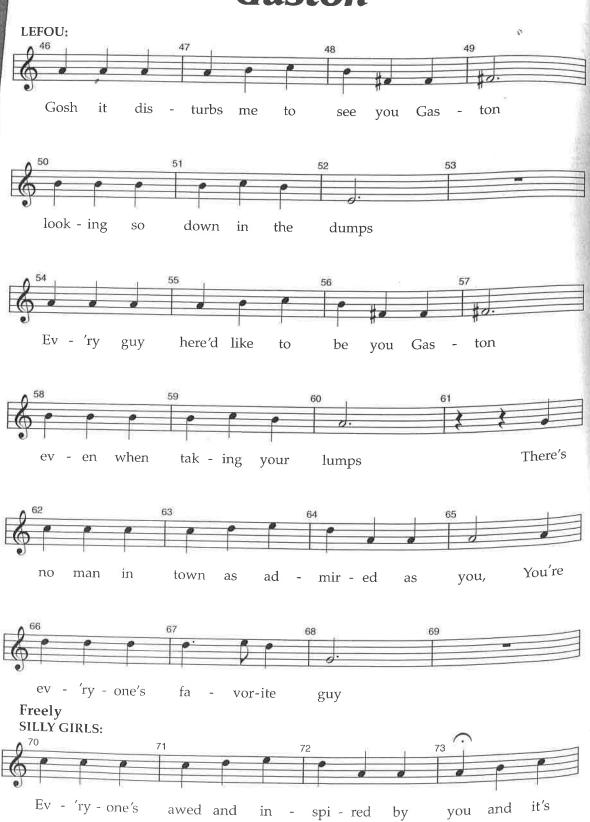
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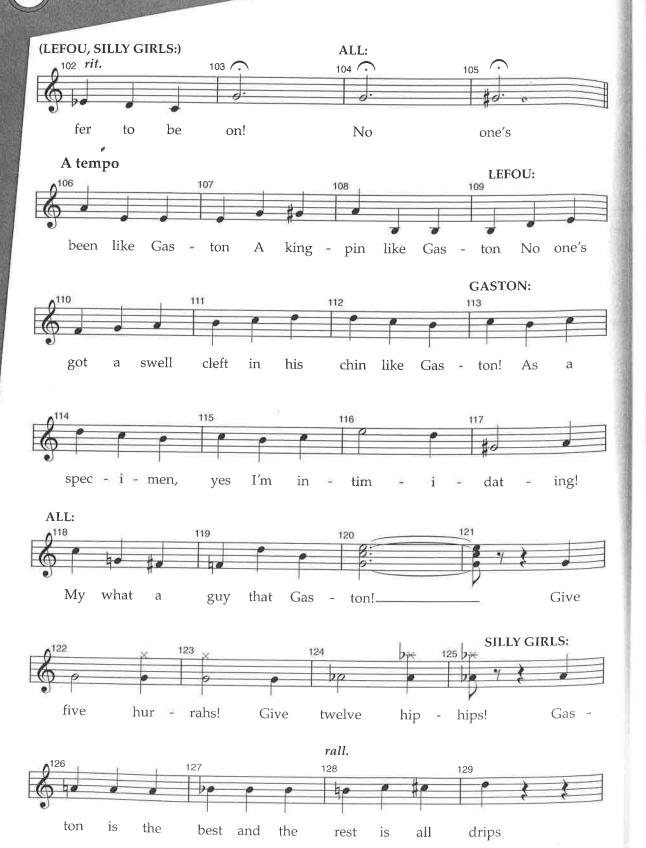






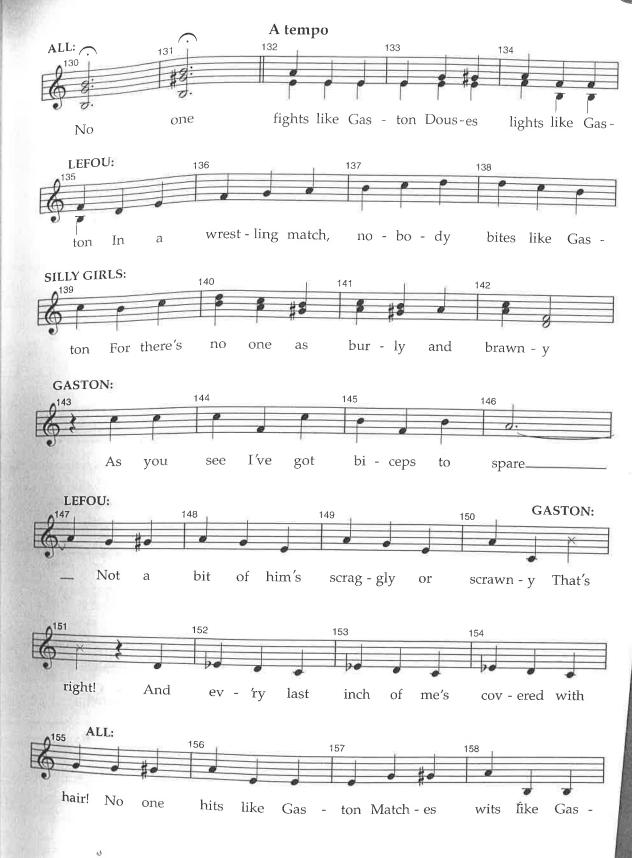
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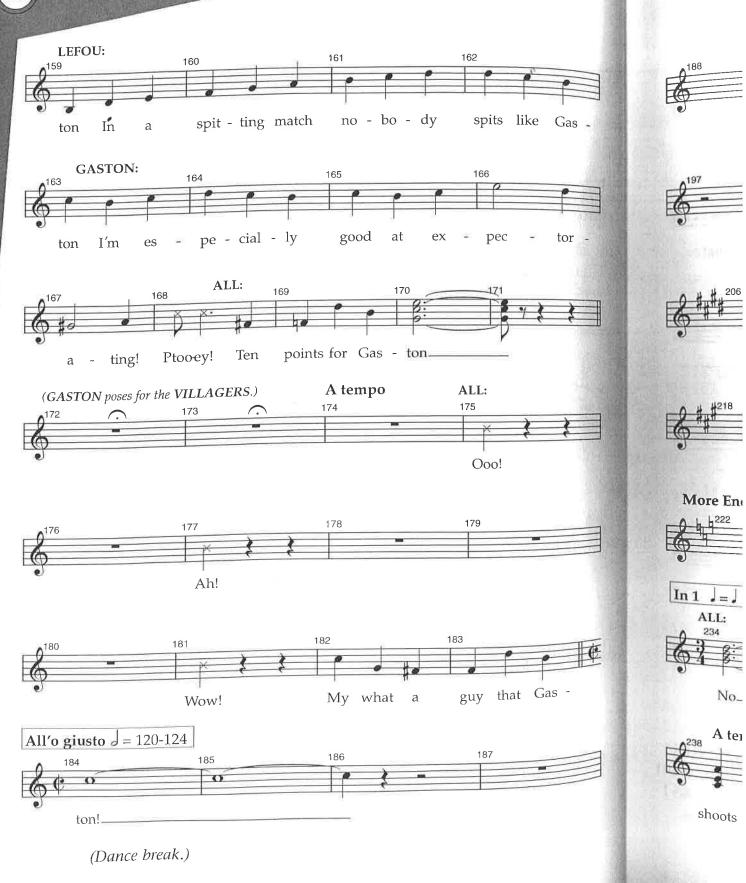
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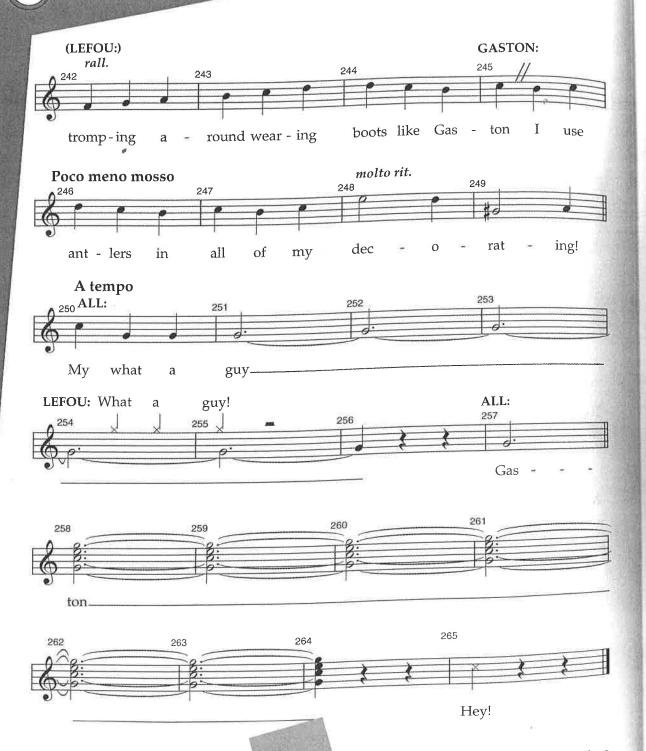
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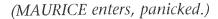
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**MAURICE** 

Help! Help! Someone help me!

**GASTON** 

Maurice?

**MAURICE** 

Please, I need your help! He's got her! He's got her locked in a dungeon—

VILLAGER

Who?

**MAURICE** 

Belle... we must go at once... not a minute to lose!

**GASTON** 

Whoa. Slow down, Maurice. Who's got Belle locked in a dungeon?

**MAURICE** 

A beast! A horrible, monstrous beast!

(GASTON and the VILLAGERS stare at MAURICE with disbelief. Then, everyone bursts into laughter, particularly GASTON.)

All right then, I'll go back there and get her out myself!

(MAURICE exits, followed by the laughing VILLAGERS.)

VILLAGER 1

Crazy ol' Maurice.

VILLAGER 2

He's always good for a laugh.

(GASTON and LEFOU are left alone.)

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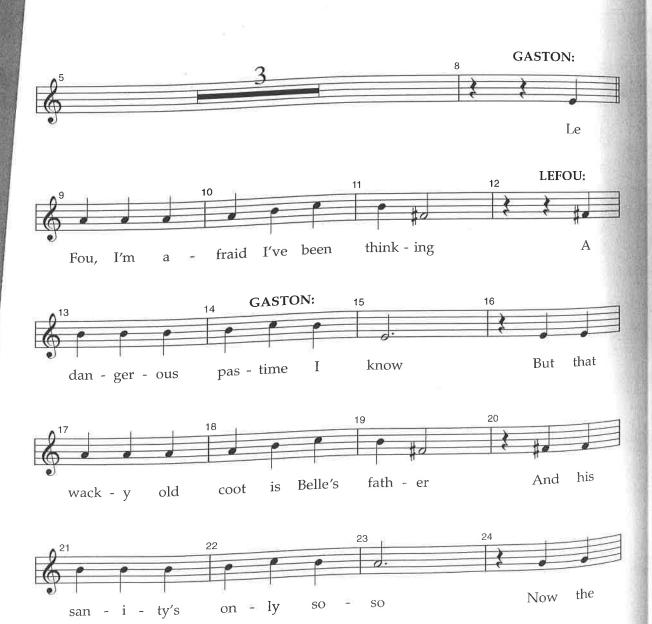
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## **GASTON**

Crazy ol' Maurice...

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Hmmmmmm... crazy ol' Maurice!



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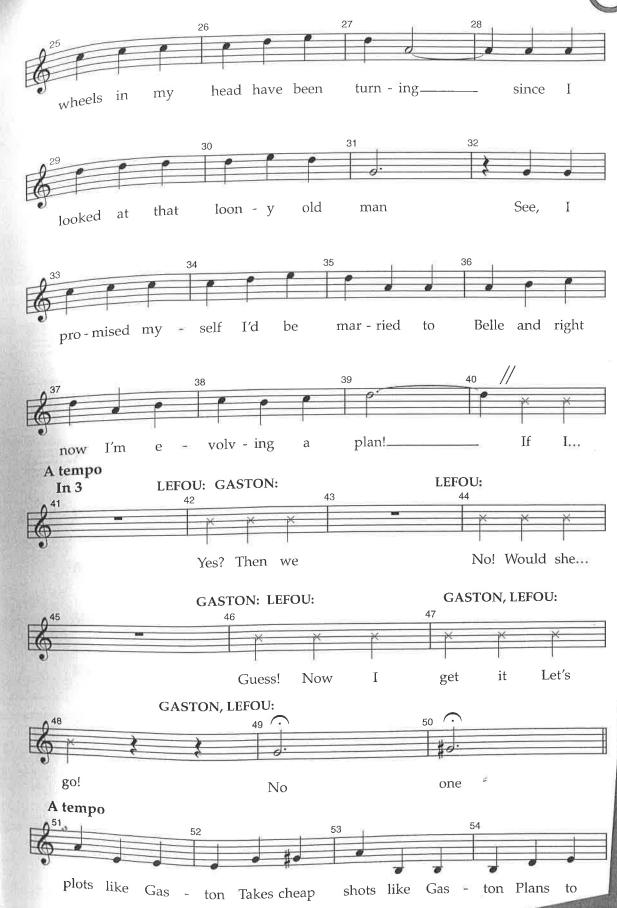












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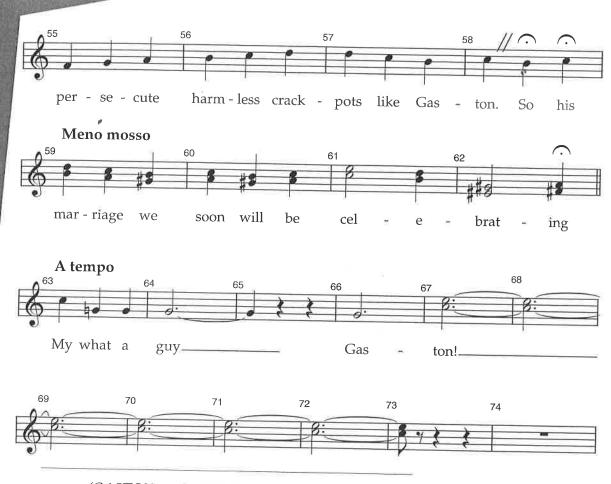
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(GASTON and LEFOU exit.)

## **SCENE SEVEN: The Castle**

(COGSWORTH, LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE pace nervously. The BEAST enters.)

#### **BEAST**

It's time for dinner. Where is she?

#### **COGSWORTH**

I'll go check on her. Won't be a minute.

(COGSWORTH runs off.)

### MRS. POTTS

Try to be patient, sir. The girl has lost her father and her freedom all in one day.

#### **LUMIERE**

Master... have you thought that perhaps this girl could be the one to break the spell?

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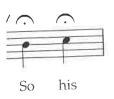
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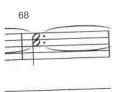
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#### **BEAST**

Of course, I have! I'm not a fool.

#### **LUMIERE**

Good! So... you fall in love with her, she falls in love with you and poof! The spell is broken! We'll be human again by midnight!

#### MRS. POTTS

Lumiere, it's not that easy. These things take time.

#### **LUMIERE**

But we don't have time! The Rose has already begun to wilt!

#### **BEAST**

It's no use. She's so beautiful and I'm... well, look at me!

#### MRS. POTTS

Master, you must help her to see past all that.

#### **BEAST**

I don't know how!

#### MRS. POTTS

Well, you could start by trying to make yourself more presentable.

#### **LUMIERE**

Impress her with your rapier wit.

MRS. POTTS

But be gentle.

#### **BABETTE**

Shower her with compliments.

#### MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

But be sincere.

LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS

And above all...

**BEAST** 

What???

## LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE, MADAME

You must control your temper!

(COGSWORTH enters, alone.)

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**BEAST** 

(growling impatiently) Well? Where is she?

**COGSWORTH** 

(a timid squeak)
She's not coming.

BEAST

What did you say?

**COGSWORTH** 

(even squeakier)
She's not coming.

**BEAST** 

We'll see about that!

(The BEAST storms to the door of BELLE's room. LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS and COGSWORTH hurry along behind. BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE exit.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Your Lordship! Your Grace! Your Eminence! Let's not be hasty!

**BEAST** 

(barges into BELLE's room)
I thought I told you to come down to dinner!

**BELLE** 

(yelling back)
I'm not hungry!

**BEAST** 

I am the master of this castle and I'm telling you to come to dinner!

**LUMIERE** 

Master, that may not be the best way to win the girl's affections.

**COGSWORTH** 

Please... attempt to be a gentleman.

MRS. POTTS

Deep breaths, Master... deep breaths.

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**BEAST** 

I'll give her one last chance.

(to BELLE)

Would you be so kind as to join me for dinner?

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#### **COGSWORTH**

(under his breath)

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BEAST

(gritting his teeth)

Please.

BELLE

No, thank you.

**BEAST** 

Fine! Then starve!

**LUMIERE** 

Master, please!

**BEAST** 

If she doesn't eat with me... she doesn't eat at all!

(The BEAST roars and storms off.)

**LUMIERE** 

What were we thinking? We will never be human again.

MRS. POTTS

Well, what would you have us do? Give up? I like this girl. I like her spunk.

**COGSWORTH** 

Well, if you ask me, she was just being stubborn. After all, he did say "please."

MRS. POTTS

I think that may be the first time I've ever heard him use that word.

(BELLE pokes her head out of her room.)

Hello, dearie. I hope the Master didn't frighten you too much. He can be a little temperamental.

BELLE

A little?

**COGSWORTH** 

I am Cogsworth, head of the household. And this is Lumiere...

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#### **LUMIERE**

(kisses BELLE's hand) Enchanté, Mademoiselle.

#### **COGSWORTH**

If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable. Anything... anything at all!

BELLE

I am a little hungry.

**COGSWORTH** 

Except that.

MRS. POTTS

Cogsworth!

**COGSWORTH** 

Well, you heard what the Master said!

MRS. POTTS

Oh, pish tosh! I'm not about to let the poor child go hungry!

**COGSWORTH** 

Fine. Glass of water, crust of bread and then—

LUMIERE

Cogsworth! She's not a prisoner, she's our guest! We must make her feel welcome here!

**COGSWORTH** 

All right, dinner. But keep it down! If the Master finds out, it'll be our necks!

**LUMIERE** 

Of course... of course! But what is dinner without a little music?

**COGSWORTH** 

Music?

(A drum roll.)

LUMIERE

Ma chere mademoiselle, it is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that we welcome you tonight. And now we invite you to relax. Let us pull up a chair as the Dining Room proudly presents... your dinner!

LUMIERE:



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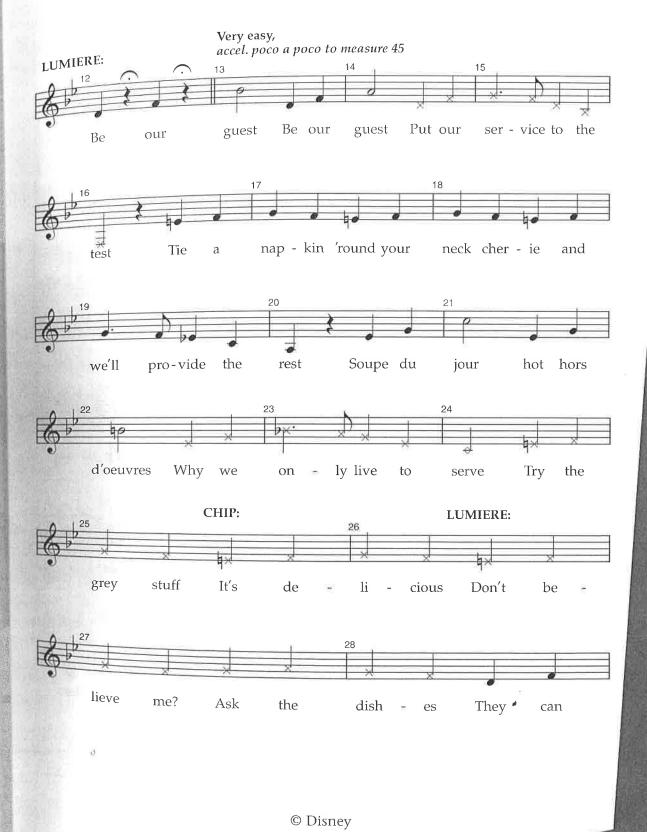
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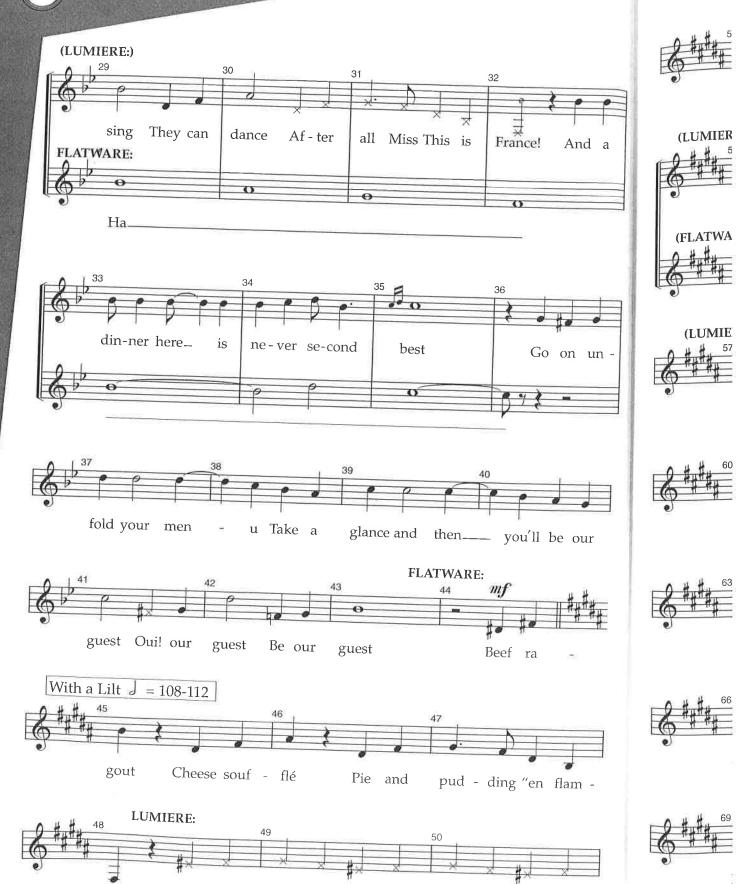
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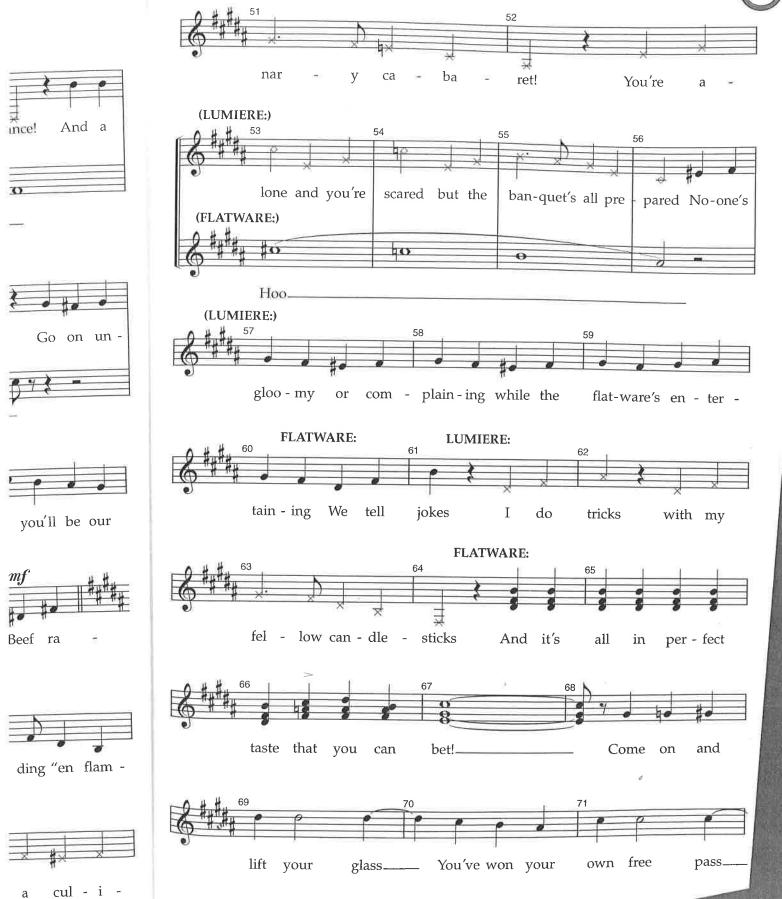
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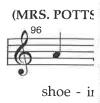


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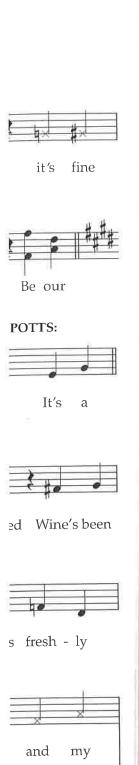






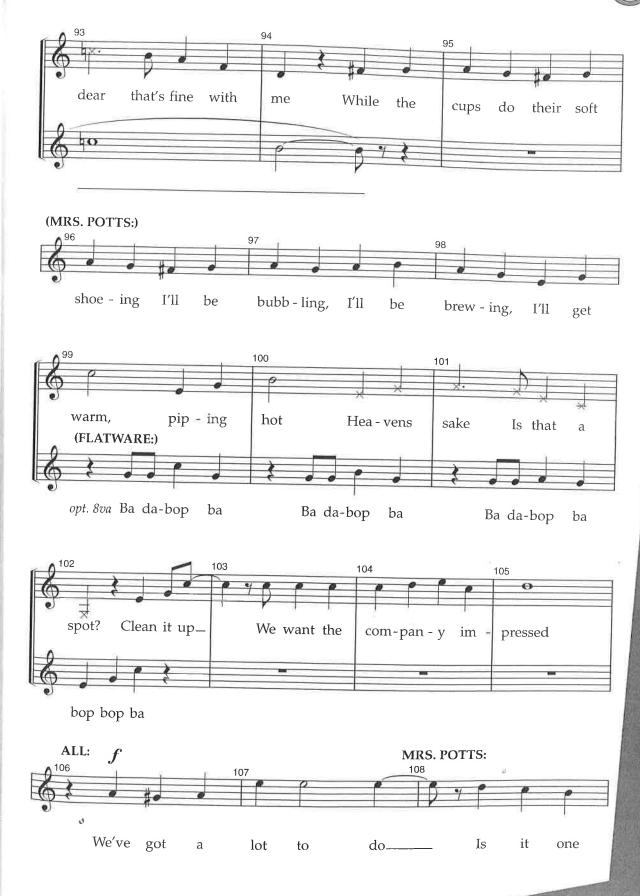


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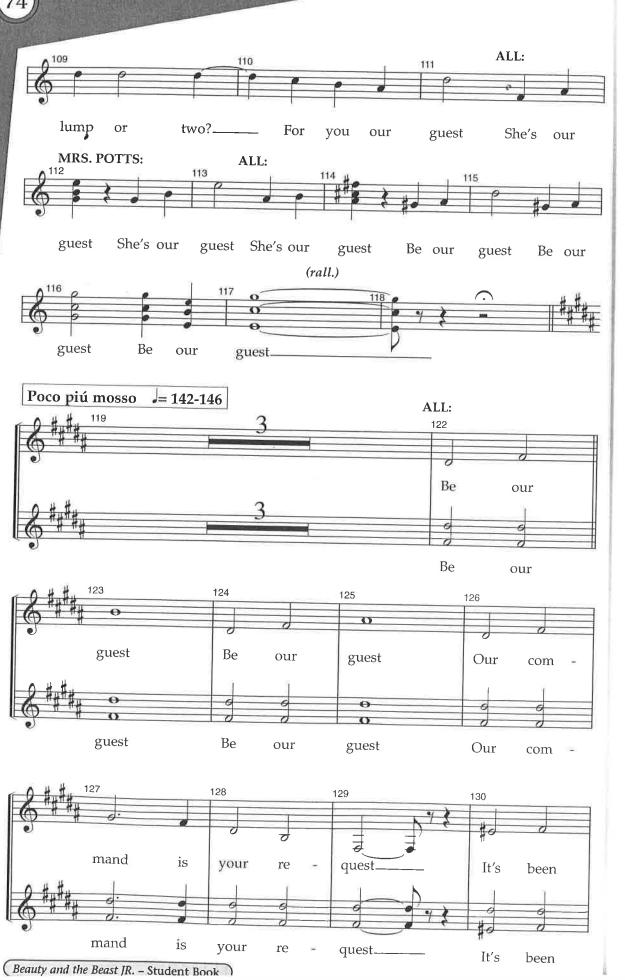


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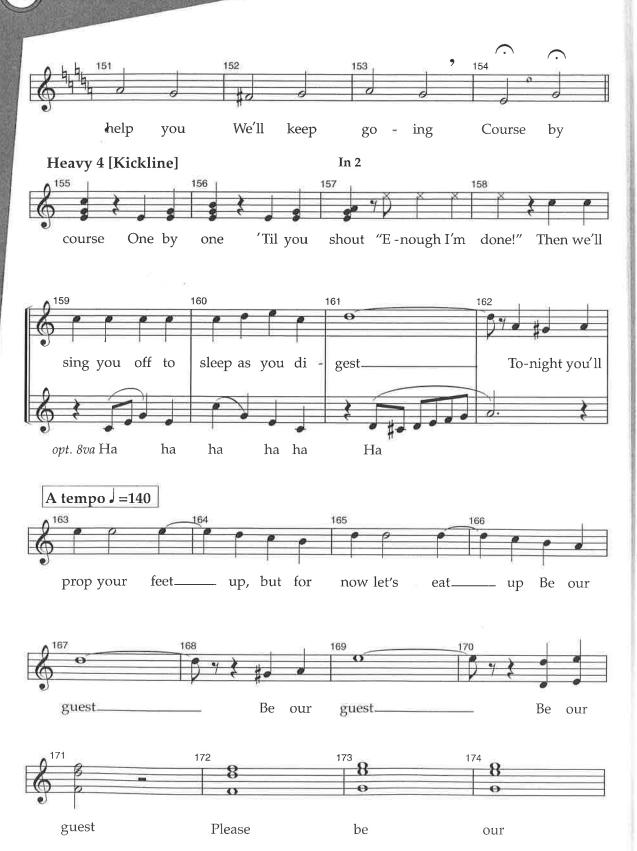


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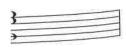




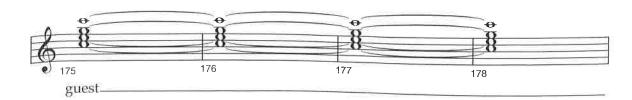


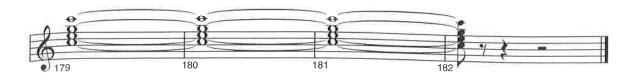






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#### **COGSWORTH**

Good show, everyone! Good show! Off to your cupboards now...

(The SERVANTS exit, muttering excitedly about the new guest, leaving BELLE alone with COGSWORTH and LUMIERE.)

#### **BELLE**

Oh, Lumiere, thank you for dinner. It was delicious!

#### **COGSWORTH**

Oh my goodness, look at the time. Off to bed!

#### **BELLE**

Oh, I couldn't possibly go to bed now. It's my first time in an enchanted castle.

#### **LUMIERE**

Perhaps you would like a tour?

#### **COGSWORTH**

I'm not sure that's such a good idea.

#### **BELLE**

(to COGSWORTH)

Perhaps <u>you'd</u> like to take me. I'm sure you know everything there is to know about the castle.

#### **COGSWORTH**

(flattered)

Well... actually, I do! Right this way...

(COGSWORTH exits with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST enters carrying a tray of food for BELLE.)

#### BEAST

Okay. I can do this. Act like a gentleman... act like a gentleman... This'll be good.

(COGSWORTH re-enters with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST hides.)

#### **COGSWORTH**

(points offstage)
Now that is yet another example of the late neo-classic baroque period. And, as I always say, if it's not baroque, don't fix it!

(COGSWORTH laughs heartily. BELLE and LUMIERE are silent. COGSWORTH continues the tour as he exits.)

May I draw your attention to the flying buttresses above the aviary...?

#### BELLE

Oh, Lumiere, it's all so beautiful! I had no idea. If only <u>he</u> weren't here!

(LUMIERE and BELLE follow COGSWORTH off. The BEAST comes out from hiding.)

#### BEAST

Act like a gentleman... I am nothing but a fool!

(The BEAST exits. COGSWORTH re-enters with BELLE and LUMIERE trailing behind.)

#### COGSWORTH

(at the end of a self-serving story)
... and thanks to some quick thinking on my part the disaster was averted!

#### BELLE

(points to the West Wing) What's over there?

#### LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

Nothing!

#### **COGSWORTH**

Nothing at all of any interest in the West Wing!

#### BELLE

Ah. So that's the West Wing.

#### LUMIERE

(to COGSWORTH)

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#### BELLE

I wonder what he's hiding there.

#### **COGSWORTH**

Um... perhaps Mademoiselle would like to see something else. Over here we have exquisite tapestries dating all the way back...

(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE toddle off. BELLE walks the other direction toward the West Wing. The Rose catches her eye. She moves closer... awestruck. The BEAST enters.)

**BEAST** 

Don't touch that!

BELLE

I'm sorry!

**BEAST** 

What are you doing here?

BELLE

I--

**BEAST** 

I told you never to come here!

**BELLE** 

I know but—

**BEAST** 

Do you realize what you could have done? Get out!

(Frightened, BELLE runs past the BEAST toward the door. He tries to stop her so he can apologize but accidentally grabs her arm, causing her to stumble.)

**BELLE** 

Ouch. Don't touch me!

**BEAST** 

No, I---

**BELLE** 

Promise or no promise. I won't stay in this castle!

(BELLE runs out, leaving the BEAST alone.)

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#### **BEAST**

I'm sorry! I didn't mean to frighten you. You don't understand. There's so little left of me... So little left...

(Distraught, the BEAST gazes into his Magic Mirror.)

### **SCENE EIGHT: The Forest**

(The NARRATORS enter. BELLE, WOLVES and the BEAST pantomime the following:)

#### NARRATOR 1

Belle ran into the forest as fast as she could.

#### NARRATOR 2

Night was falling, a storm was approaching, and it was getting hard to see.

#### NARRATOR 3

When she stopped to catch her breath, Belle heard the low and menacing growling of wolves!

#### NARRATOR 4

One wolf charged Belle head-on, and she grabbed a branch to defend herself.

(As WOLVES enter and lunge at BELLE, she desperately wields the branch. Then, a roar.)

#### NARRATOR 3

Suddenly, the Beast leaped out of nowhere and pulled the wolves off of Belle.

#### NARRATOR 1

Belle took cover as the wolves turned and attacked the Beast.

#### **NARRATOR 4**

One grabbed hold of the Beast's forearm, wounding him.

#### NARRATOR 2

The Beast struggled to stay on his feet.

(The BEAST battles with the WOLVES.)

#### NARRATOR 3

Once the Beast hurled the last wolf away... he collapsed, exhausted and in pain.

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(The WOLVES exit. BELLE emerges from cover and stares at the BEAST.)

### NARRATOR 1

Belle knew that this was her chance to get away... to go home.

#### NARRATOR 4

But as she looked at the Beast, that hideous creature... who saved her life, she could not leave.

#### NARRATOR 3

Belle approached the Beast and helped him to his feet.

#### NARRATOR 2

Then Belle and the Beast slowly made their way back to the castle.

(BELLE and the BEAST exit, followed by the NARRATORS.)

## **SCENE NINE: The Castle**

(BELLE helps the BEAST to his chair as he holds one arm painfully. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH enter and observe from a distance. BELLE dips a clean cloth into a bowl with hot water and wrings it out. She reaches for the BEAST's wounded arm, but he growls and pulls away.)

#### BELLE

Let me see. Just hold still.

(BELLE reaches for him again and gently dabs at the wound. The BEAST cringes and howls in pain.)

**BEAST** 

Ow! That hurts!

#### BELLE

If you'd hold still, it wouldn't hurt as much.

#### **BEAST**

If you hadn't run away, this wouldn't have happened.

#### BELLE

If you hadn't frightened me, I wouldn't have run away!

#### **BEAST**

Well, you shouldn't have been in the West Wing!

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#### **BELLE**

And you should learn to control your temper!

(The BEAST doesn't have an answer for that. He and BELLE glare at each other in a silent battle of wills. The BEAST looks to MRS. POTTS and LUMIERE, who avert their eyes. BELLE dips the cloth in hot water again and wrings it out.)

Now hold still, this may sting a little.

(BELLE dabs gently at the wound on the BEAST's arm. He winces but doesn't pull away.)

By the way... thank you for saving my life.

#### **BEAST**

You're welcome.

(MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH look at each other with happy surprise.)

#### MRS. POTTS

Well, that's more like it. I knew they could get along if they tried.

#### **LUMIERE**

So, the ice is broken... at last.

#### **COGSWORTH**

And not a moment too soon either. The Rose is losing petals at an alarming rate!

#### MRS. POTTS

And I can hardly bend over at all any more.

#### **LUMIERE**

Clearly, it's time for us to give them a little push.

#### MRS. POTTS

I have just the thing! (to the BEAST and BELLE)

How about we warm you two up a bit with a nice bowl of soup?

(MRS. POTTS exits. COGSWORTH escorts BELLE and the BEAST to a small table. CHIP is perched on top.)





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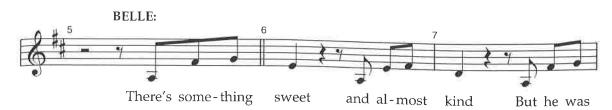


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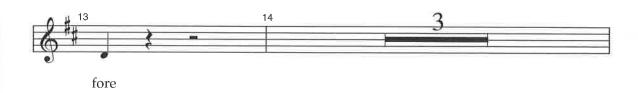




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(LUMIERE points to the chair. Taking the prompt, the BEAST lifts the chair as BELLE crosses to it. He clumsily slides the chair beneath her and she falls into it. The BEAST crosses to his chair and perches, unable to sit. MRS. POTTS returns with two bowls of soup. BELLE raises her bowl... the BEAST follows suit.)

#### **CHIP**

Cheers!

(BELLE and the BEAST drink their soup.)

MRS. POTTS

(to BELLE)

Come along, dearie. Let's get you cleaned up.

(MRS. POTTS leads BELLE off. BELLE looks back and indicates that the BEAST should wipe his mouth. He does so.)

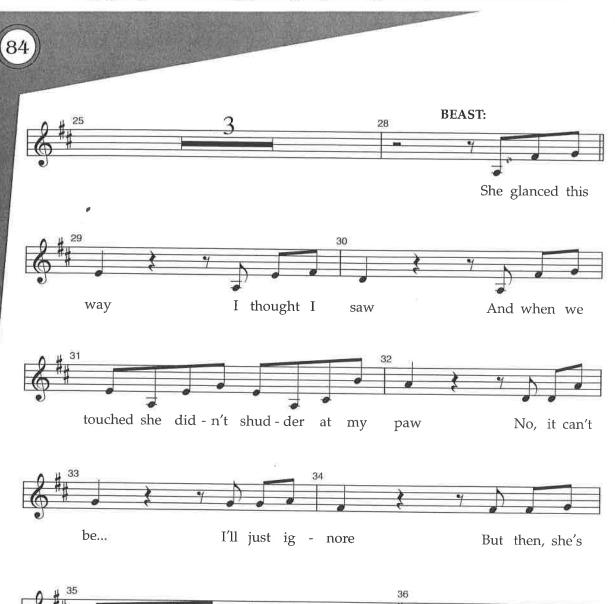
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(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE approach.)

## **BEAST**

When she smiles at me... I get all choked up. My heart starts pounding and I can't breathe!

**COGSWORTH** 

Good!

**BEAST** 

That's good?

**LUMIERE** 

Excellent!

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#### **BEAST**

I've never felt this way about anyone. (impulsively)

I want to give her something... but what?

#### **LUMIERE**

It has to be something special. Something that sparks her interest...

(LUMIERE whispers into the BEAST's ear. BELLE comes back cleaned up, with a bright bow in her hair.)

#### **COGSWORTH**

Look who's back!

#### **LUMIERE**

(under his breath to the BEAST) Say something about her hair.

**BEAST** 

(confused)
It's brown?

**LUMIERE** 

A compliment!

**BEAST** 

Oh.

(to BELLE)

What a... nice bow.

**BELLE** 

Thank you!

(The BEAST looks at LUMIERE and COGSWORTH: "How'd I do?" They nod and make "go on" motions...)

#### **BEAST**

Uh... Belle... I uh... have something to show you. But first you have to close your eyes. It's a surprise.

(BELLE closes her eyes. The BEAST leads BELLE through the halls of the castle.)

BELLE

Can I open them?

**BEAST** 

All right... now!

(A beautiful library with stacks and stacks of books is revealed. BELLE opens her eyes and gasps with wonder.)

#### **BELLE**

I can't believe it! I've never seen so many books in my whole life!

**BEAST** 

You... like it?

**BELLE** 

It's wonderful!

**BEAST** 

Then... it's yours!

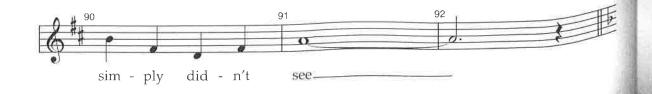
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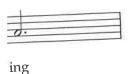
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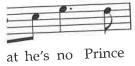


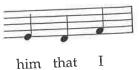
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#### BELLE

(showing a book to the BEAST)

This is one of my favorites. King Arthur. Have you ever read it?

#### **BEAST**

No!

(pushes the book back, then confesses) I can't...

**BELLE** 

You never learned to read?

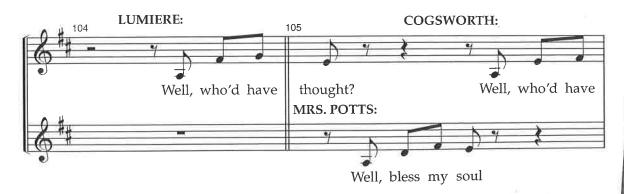
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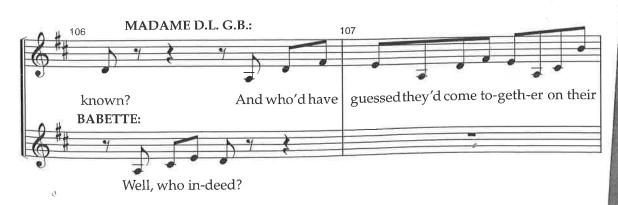
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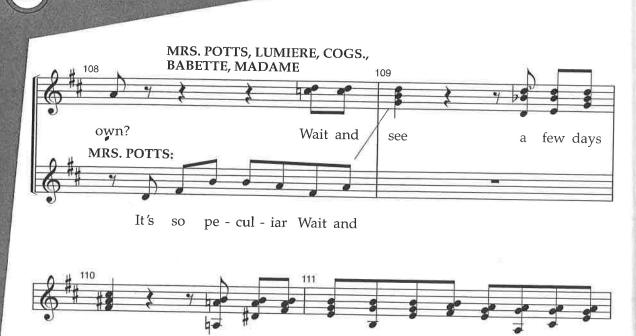
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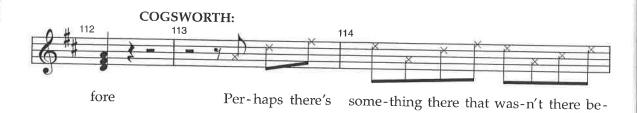
Well, it just so happens, this is the perfect book to read aloud. Come here, sit by me.

(The BEAST and BELLE sit down to read. LUMIERE, COGSWORTH, MRS. POTTS, CHIP, BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE enter.)









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#### **CHIP**

What's there, Mama?

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#### MRS. POTTS

Shh. I'll tell you when you're older.

(The SERVANTS exit, leaving BELLE and the BEAST alone.)

#### **BELLE**

(reading)

"Then, for the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword..."

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**BEAST** 

(excited)

So that must mean that he's the king!

BELLE

Wait and see.

**BEAST** 

(shakes his head with wonder)
I never knew books could do that.

BELLE

Do what?

BEAST

Take me away from this place and make me forget... for a little while.

BELLE

Forget?

**BEAST** 

Who I...

(correcting himself)

... what I am.

(BELLE looks at the BEAST. He has touched her heart. LUMIERE enters and watches them from afar.)

**BELLE** 

We have something in common, you know.

**BEAST** 

What?

BELLE

In the town where I come from, the people think I'm odd.

**BEAST** 

You?

**BELLE** 

So I know how it feels to be... different. And I know how lonely that can be.

(A beat. A bond has formed between BELLE and the BEAST. COGSWORTH, BABETTE, MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, MRS. POTTS and CHIP enter quietly.)

#### MRS. POTTS

They're still in there?

#### **LUMIERE**

Yes, and so far he has been a perfect gentleman.

#### **CHIP**

Mama, I have a funny feeling inside. I don't know what it is, but it makes me feel kind of bubbly.

#### MRS. POTTS

It's hope, son. I've been feeling it too.

#### **LUMIERE**

Ah, oui... my little friend, the day we have waited for may be at hand!

#### MRS. POTTS

If only that were true, Lumiere.

**LUMIERE** 

Ah, human again.

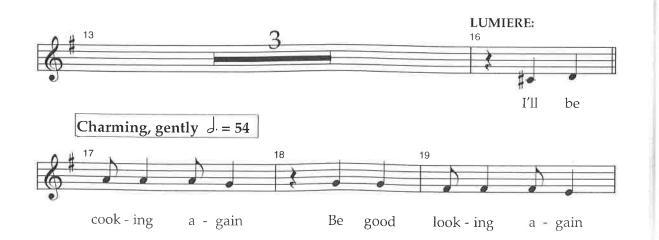
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#### **LUMIERE**

Yes. Think what that means!

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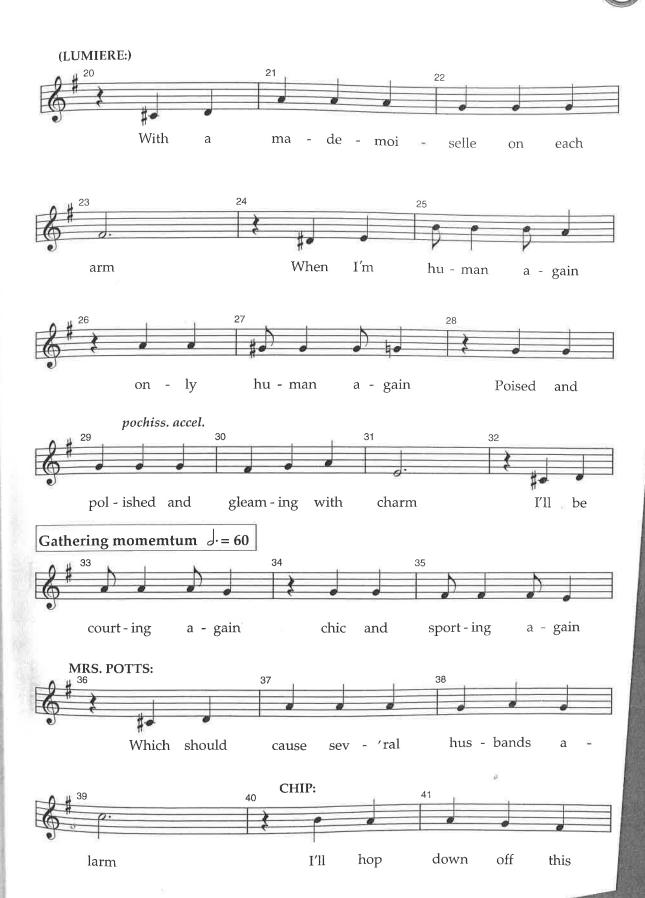


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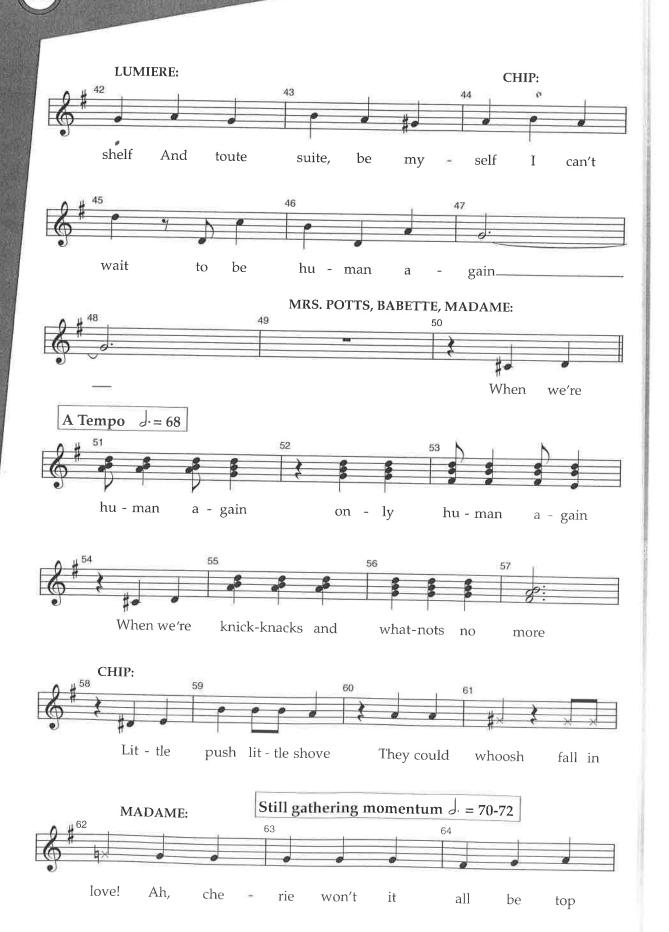
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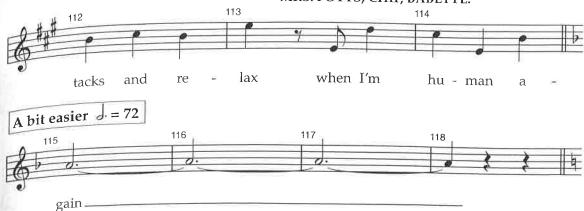
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(The SERVANTS run off to spread the good news through the rest of the castle. Back in the library, BELLE finishes reading.)

#### **BELLE**

"... when Guinevere heard that Arthur was slain, she stole away to a convent. And no one could ever make her smile again."

(closing the book)

That's the end.

#### **BEAST**

(swallows the lump in his throat) What a beautiful story.

#### **BELLE**

I knew you'd like it. I'd like to ask you for something.

**BEAST** 

What's that?

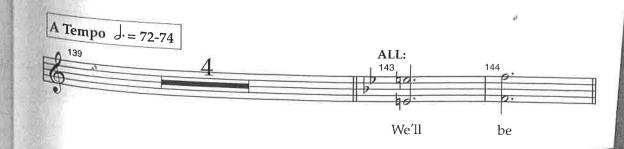
#### BELLE

A second chance. Would you have dinner with me tonight?

#### **BEAST**

Dinner? Me? With you? That'd be... I mean... oh yes!

(BELLE and the BEAST exit the Library. ALL of the castle's SERVANTS enter, ecstatic.)





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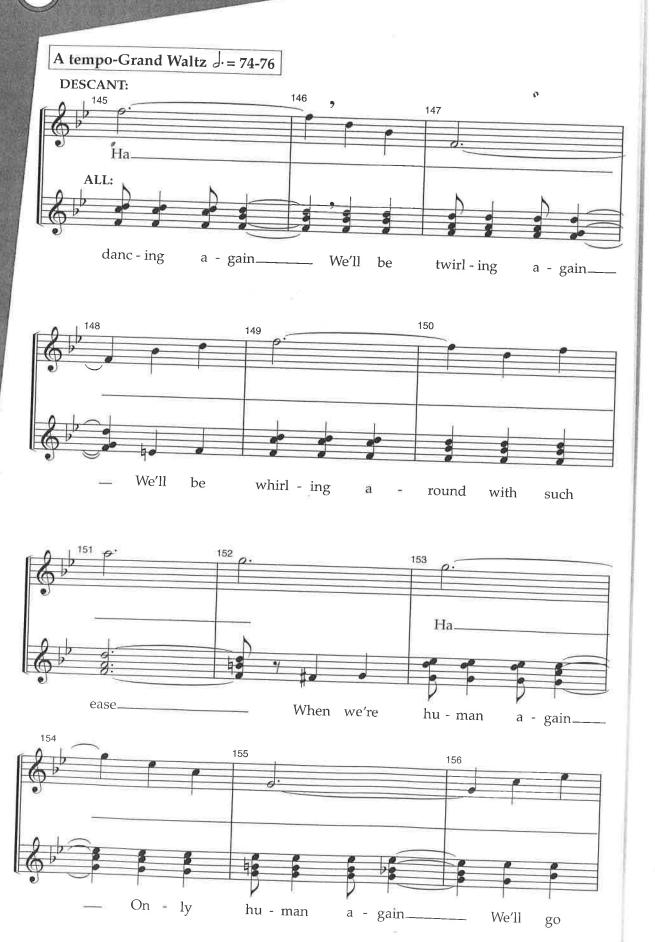


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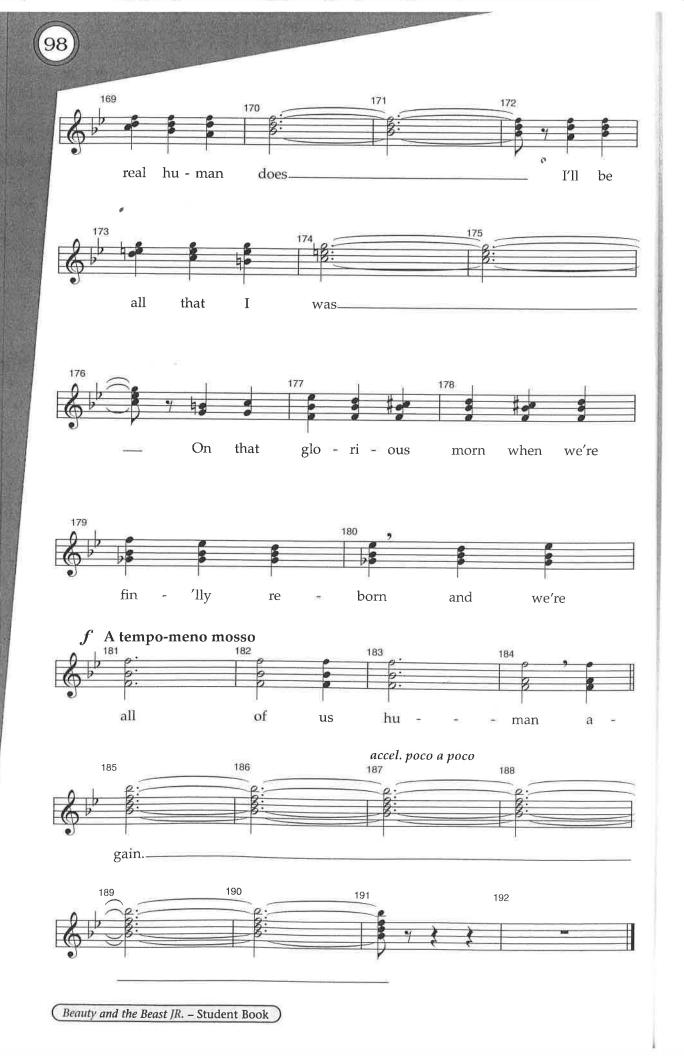








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(ALL exit, full of hope.)

## **SCENE TEN: The Village**

(Night. A NARRATOR enters.)

#### NARRATOR 3

Meanwhile, back in a dark alley of the village, Gaston held a secret meeting.

(GASTON and LEFOU enter with an unfamiliar man all dressed in black, MONSIEUR D'ARQUE, the proprietor of the local lunatic asylum. The NARRATOR exits.)

#### **GASTON**

Thank you for coming on such short notice, Monsieur d'Arque.

#### MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

I don't usually leave the asylum in the middle of the night. But this fellow said you'd make it worth my while.

#### **GASTON**

Look, I've got my heart set on marrying Belle, but she needs a little... persuasion.

**LEFOU** 

Turned him down flat!

**GASTON** 

It's like this, see...

(GASTON and LEFOU whisper to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE as they exit.)

### **SCENE ELEVEN: The Castle**

(Dinner table. The BEAST prepares for dinner with the help of LUMIERE and COGSWORTH. The BEAST is dressed elegantly with his hair tied back in a ponytail. He actually looks good!)

#### **LUMIERE**

Tonight is the night... the night to confess your love.

**BEAST** 

I'm not sure I can do that.

#### **COGSWORTH**

You must!

#### **BEAST**

How will I know when the moment is right?

#### **LUMIERE**

You will know because you will feel it here... (points to his heart)
... and you must speak from the heart.

#### **BEAST**

I must speak from the... I can't!

#### COGSWORTH, LUMIERE

You must!

**LUMIERE** 

What are you afraid of?

**BEAST** 

I'm afraid she might...

**COGSWORTH** 

She might what?

**BEAST** 

Laugh at me.

#### **LUMIERE**

Somehow, my prince, you must find the courage to take that chance.

#### **COGSWORTH**

Master... look at the rose! There's so little time left!

#### **BEAST**

I really don't think I can do this.

#### **LUMIERE**

You can do it, Master. I know you can.

(BELLE enters dressed in a stunning golden gown, accompanied by BABETTE and MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE. The BEAST, now incredibly nervous, stands across the room with COGSWORTH and LUMIERE. MRS. POTTS enters with CHIP and smiles at the budding couple.)

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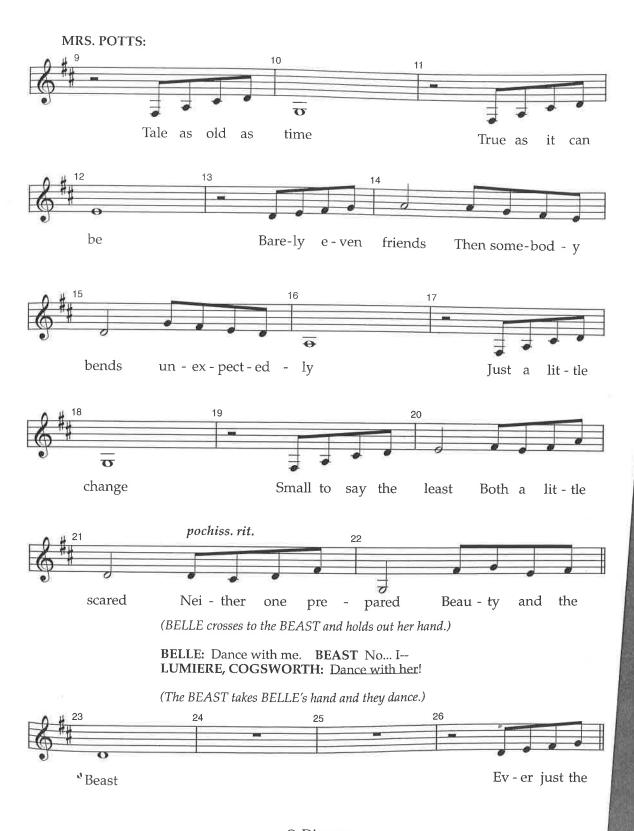




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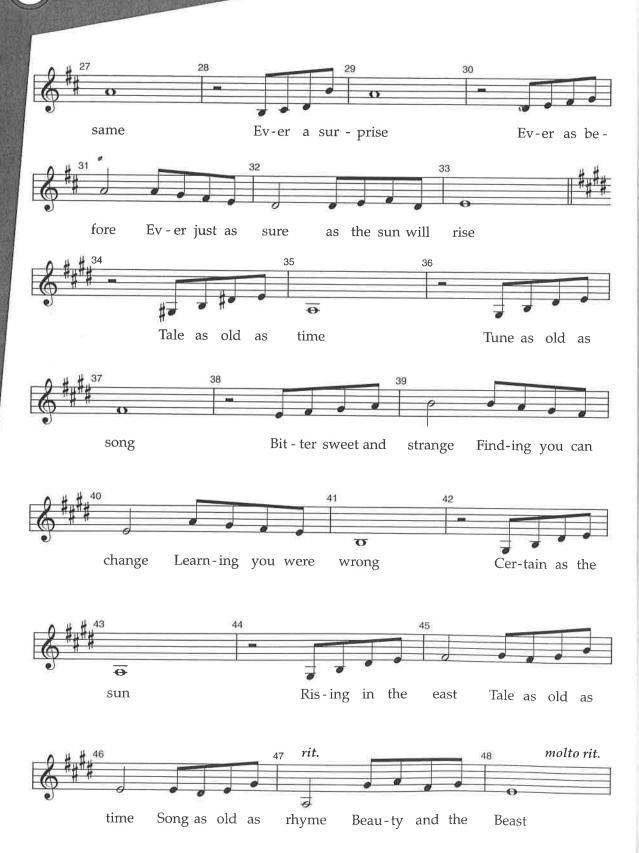


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MRS. POTTS: Off to the cupboard with you now, Chip. It's past your bedtime. Goodnight, luv.



(MRS. POTTS exits with CHIP. BABETTE, MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH follow.)

**BEAST** 

Belle, I...

BELLE

Yes?

**BEAST** 

Belle, are you happy here?

BELLE

Oh, yes... everyone's so kind. Mrs. Potts, Lumiere...

**BEAST** 

With me?

**BELLE** 

Yes.

(There's a long, uncomfortable pause. COGSWORTH and LUMIERE peek in on BELLE and the BEAST.)

**BEAST** 

I must speak from...

LUMIERE, COGSWORTH

.; the heart!

(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE exit. BELLE looks away.)

**BEAST** 

Is something wrong?

BELLE

I was just thinking about my father. I miss him so much. I wish I could see him again.

**BEAST** 

There is a way.

(holds out the Magic Mirror)

This mirror will show you anything... anything you wish to see.

**BELLE** 

I'd like to see my father, please.

(looks into the mirror)

Papa? Oh, no... Papa! Something's wrong! He's in the woods. I think he's lost. I should— I should—

**BEAST** 

(with difficulty)

Go to him.

BELLE

What?

**BEAST** 

You should go to him.

**BELLE** 

But what about—

**BEAST** 

You're not my prisoner, Belle. You haven't been for a long time. Take the mirror with you. So you'll always have a way to look back... and remember me.

BELLE

(briefly takes the BEAST's hand)
I could never forget you.

**BEAST** 

Belle, I...

BELLE

Yes?

**BEAST** 

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(BELLE turns and runs out.)

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**BEAST** 

I'll never see her again.

(LUMIERE, COGSWORTH and MRS. POTTS enter.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Well, Sire, I must say... everything is going just swimmingly. I knew you had it in you!

**BEAST** 

I let her go.

**COGSWORTH** 

You what?

**LUMIERE** 

How could you do that?

**BEAST** 

I had to.

**COGSWORTH** 

But why?

(The BEAST doesn't answer, then looks to MRS. POTTS.)

MRS. POTTS

After all this time, he's finally learned to love.

**LUMIERE** 

That's it then! That should break the spell!

MRS. POTTS

It's not enough. She has to love him in return.

**COGSWORTH** 

And now it's too late.

(MRS. POTTS, COGSWORTH and LUMIERE exit, leaving the BEAST alone.)

**SCENE TWELVE: Belle's Cottage** 

(BELLE and MAURICE enter.)

**BELLE** 

We're finally home.

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MAURICE I don't know what happened. The last thing I remember I was falling—
BELLE You were in the woods, Papa. I thought I'd never find you—
MAURICE But the Beast? How did you escape?
BELLE I didn't escape. He let me go.
MAURICE He let you go? That terrible beast?
BELLE He's not terrible. In the beginning I was so frightened. I thought it was the end of everything. But somehow things changed.
(MONSIEUR D'ARQUE enters with a mob of VILLAGERS.)
MONSIEUR D'ARQUE Good afternoon.
BELLE Monsieur D'Arque!
MONSIEUR D'ARQUE I've come to collect your father.
BELLE What?
MONSIEUR D'ARQUE Don't worry. We'll take good care of him.
BELLE My father's not crazy!
LEFOU  He was raving like a lunatic about a Beast. We all heard him.  (to the VILLAGERS)  Didn't we?

(The VILLAGERS murmur their agreement. GASTON appears out of the shadows.)

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**GASTON** 

Poor Belle. It's a shame about your father.

BELLE

Gaston, you know he's not crazy!

**GASTON** 

I might be able to clear up this little misunderstanding if...

BELLE

If what?

**GASTON** 

If you'll marry me!

**BELLE** 

What?!?

**GASTON** 

One little word, Belle... that's all it takes...

**BELLE** 

Never!

**GASTON** 

Have it your way!

(to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE)

Take the old man!

(Two VILLAGERS grab MAURICE.)

**MAURICE** 

Let go of me! Belle!

**BELLE** 

Wait! I can prove my father's not crazy! (pulls out the Magic Mirror)
Show me the Beast!

(The image of the Beast appears in the Magic Mirror.)

**MAURICE** 

That's him! That's him!

• (The VILLAGERS gasp, terrified.)

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#### **BELLE**

Oh no, he'd never hurt anyone. I know he looks frightful... but he's really kind and gentle. He's my friend.

#### **GASTON**

If I didn't know better, I'd say you have feelings for this monster.

#### BELLE

He's not the monster, Gaston! You are!

#### **GASTON**

She's as crazy as the old man! She says this creature is her friend. Well, I've hunted wild beasts and I've seen what they can do!

(GASTON whips the VILLAGERS into a frenzy, transforming them into a wild, angry mob.)

The Beast will make off with your children. He'll come after them in the night!

### BELLE

He would never do that!

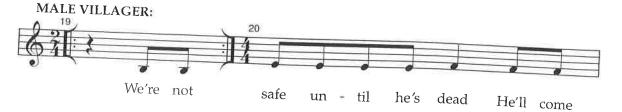
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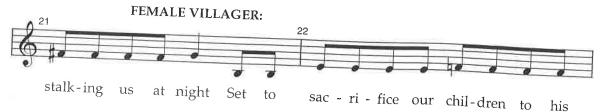
Forget the old man! I say... we kill the Beast!

**VILLAGERS** 

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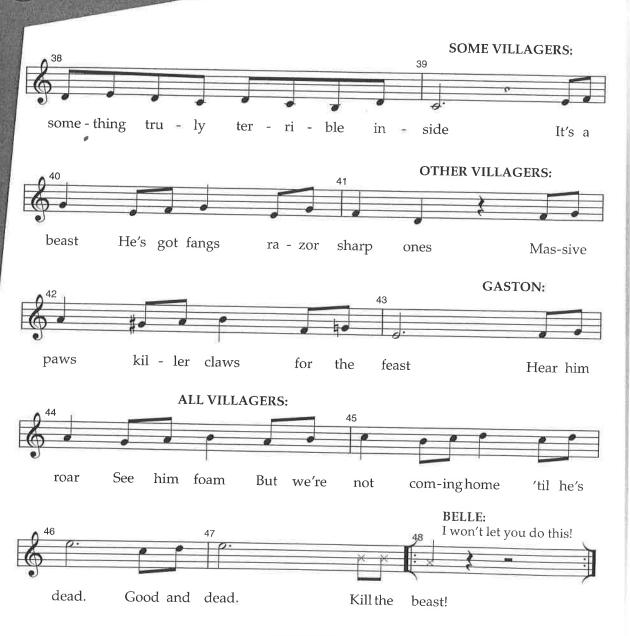
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### **GASTON**

Try and stop us!

#### BELLE

Oh, Papa... this is all my fault! I have to go back and warn him!

#### **MAURICE**

I'm coming with you!

**BELLE** 

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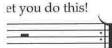
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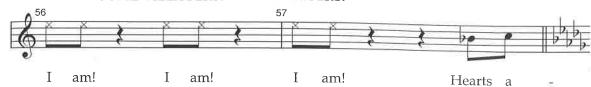
I lost you once. I'm not going to lose you again!

(MAURICE and BELLE exit.)

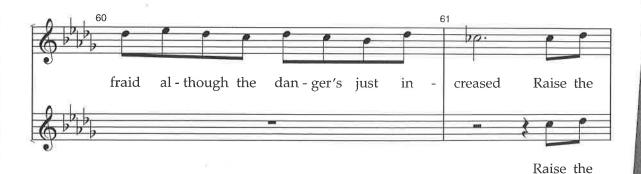
#### **GASTON**

We'll rid the village of this Beast. Who's with me?

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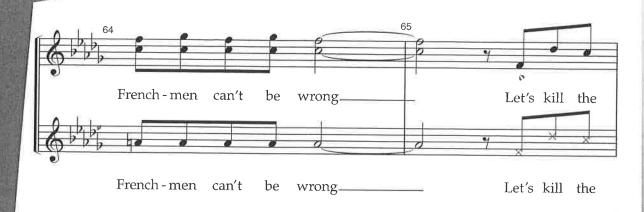








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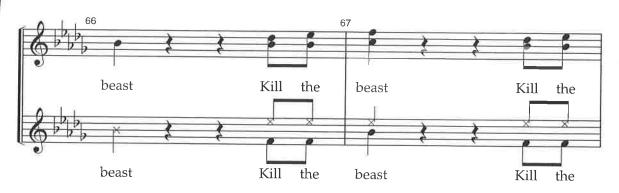
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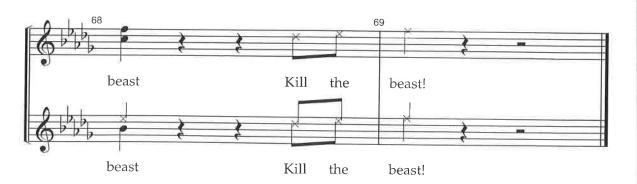
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(The VILLAGERS storm off.)

## **SCENE THIRTEEN: The Castle**

(Two NARRATORS enter.)

#### NARRATOR 1

The angry mob of villagers marched through the forest, waving torches and weapons.

#### NARRATOR 2

Once gathered in front of the Beast's castle, they carefully made their way inside.

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(The NARRATORS exit. All is quiet inside the castle. GASTON and the mob don't notice anything as they pass through the foyer, which is filled with silent SERVANTS.)

LEFOU

Gaston, this place gives me the creeps.

**GASTON** 

Shhhh!

**CHIP** 

Charge!

(The whole castle seems to come alive as the SERVANTS descend on the unsuspecting VILLAGERS. BABETTE corners a VILLAGER.)

**BABETTE** 

Say, you're cute.

**VILLAGER** 

(shyly)

Naaah...

**BABETTE** 

Oooooooh.

(BABETTE backs the VILLAGER into LUMIERE, who lights the VILLAGER's pants on fire. The VILLAGER runs off. LUMIERE exits. COGSWORTH appears chasing another VILLAGER through the castle.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Tally ho! Tally ho!!!

(MRS. POTTS enters with CHIP in the teacart. LEFOU sees them and crosses.)

MRS. POTTS

You look like you could use a nice cup of tea!

**LEFOU** 

Tea? Oh, thank you!

**CHIP** 

Here ya go!

(CHIP spits tea in LEFOU's face.)

#### MRS. POTTS

Take that, you scurvy scum!

(MRS. POTTS swings her spout, hitting LEFOU. LEFOU stumbles blindly as MRS. POTTS exits with CHIP.)

#### LEFOU

Where did everybody go?

(LEFOU crosses into MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, dressed as Brunhilde. She stuns LEFOU with a high note. LEFOU turns and runs. Various VILLAGERS and SERVANTS enter and exit as the battle increases in intensity. At the climax of the music, the battle shifts offstage. A NARRATOR enters.)

#### **NARRATOR 4**

While the Beast's servants battled the villagers, Gaston made his way to the West Wing.

(The NARRATOR exits. GASTON enters the West Wing and sees the BEAST.)

#### **GASTON**

Ha! You're even uglier in the flesh!

(The BEAST looks at GASTON then turns away. GASTON strides across the room and kicks him down. The BEAST groans but doesn't fight back.)

Did you really think a girl like Belle would want a thing like you? She despises you, Beast!

**BEAST** 

No.

#### **GASTON**

It's over, Beast. Belle is mine!

(GASTON stabs the BEAST in the back as BELLE enters.)

BELLE

No!

(The BEAST turns and grabs GASTON, ready to kill him.)

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#### **GASTON**

(desperate)

Let me go! Let me go! I'm begging you!

(The BEAST roars, but can't hurt GASTON... he's too human now. He releases GASTON.)

#### **BEAST**

(to GASTON)

Get out.

(GASTON sags... gasping for breath. Seeing that BELLE has truly given her heart to the BEAST and ashamed at his own cowardice, GASTON runs away. The BEAST turns towards BELLE.)

Belle.

#### **BELLE**

I'm sorry...

(The BEAST staggers toward BELLE and collapses. BELLE holds the BEAST in her arms.)

**BEAST** 

You came back.

#### BELLE

(struggling with the tears)

Of course I came back. I couldn't let them— If only I'd come sooner...

**BEAST** 

Maybe it's better this way.

BELLE

Shhh... We're together now. You'll see.

**BEAST** 

At least I got to see you one last—

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**BEAST** 

(gasps)

Belle... I...

BELLE

(sobbing)

Yes?

(The BEAST dies.)

No... No! Please! Don't leave me. Please, I love you.

(BELLE collapses on the BEAST's chest. And the last Rose petal falls. Then, the BEAST transforms... The PRINCE turns to BELLE and holds out his hand.)

**PRINCE** 

Belle, look into my eyes. Don't you recognize me?

BELLE

(looks closer)

It is you!

(BELLE and the PRINCE embrace. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH enter. They have transformed into people!)

MRS. POTTS

Oh my! Oh goodness me!

**LUMIERE** 

The spell is broken!

**COGSWORTH** 

We're human again!

(The PRINCE runs to them.)

**PRINCE** 

Mrs. Potts!

**LUMIERE** 

Master!

**PRINCE** 

Lumiere! Cogsworth! Oh, my Cogsworth!

(BELLE takes the PRINCE's hand.)

Belle, let's go find your father!

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(The PRINCE and BELLE exit.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Who was that young man?

**LUMIERE** 

The Prince!

**COGSWORTH** 

No it wasn't!

**LUMIERE** 

It most certainly was!

(BABETTE enters. She's back to her voluptuous self.)

**BABETTE** 

Yoo-hoo! Bonjour, handsome.

**LUMIERE** 

Babette! You look so... much better!

**BABETTE** 

Oh, Lumiere... I like you better this way too.

(MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE enters, back to a diva.)

**COGSWORTH** 

Madame, may I say that you look ravishing!

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

Thank you, Cogsworth. I simply can't believe this gown fits me again after all these years!

**CHIP** 

(offstage)

Mama! Mama!

MRS. POTTS

Chip!

(tearfully)

Oh my boy... my boy!

(CHIP, the little boy, runs to greet his mother.)

**CHIP** 

Are they gonna live happily ever after, Mama?

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#### MRS. POTTS

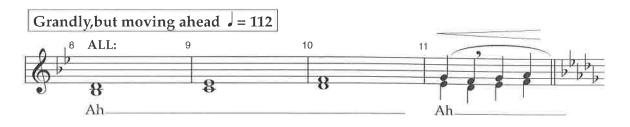
Of course, my dear. Of course.

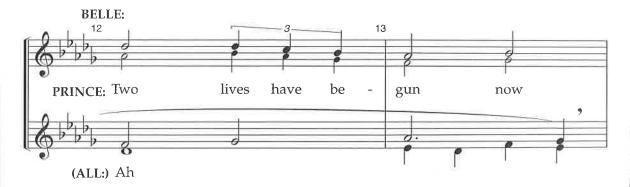
#### **CHIP**

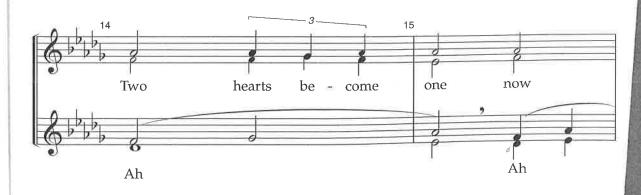
Do I still have to sleep in the cupboard?

(The rest of the castle SERVANTS enter, all finally human again. BELLE and the PRINCE enter with MAURICE. MAURICE greets CHIP and MRS. POTTS as BELLE and the PRINCE dance.)

## **Finale**



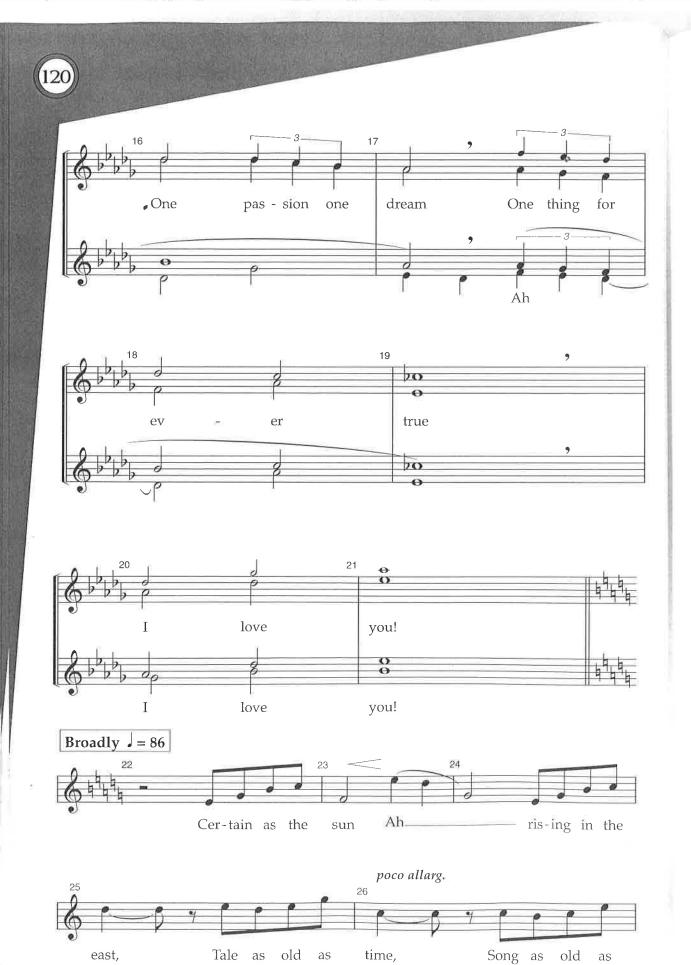




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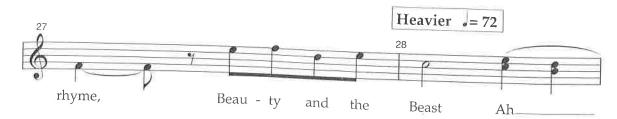


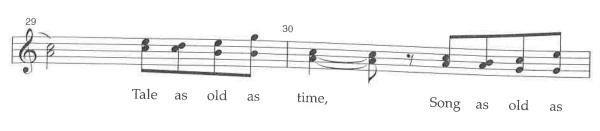














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In total, 27 young actors played the role of Chip during Beauty and the Beast's run on Broadway. Many of them went on to perform in other Broadway shows such as TARZAN®, Mary Poppins, Caroline, or Change, Les Miserables, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Fiddler on the Roof, Ragtime, Titanic, Annie Get Your Gun and many others.